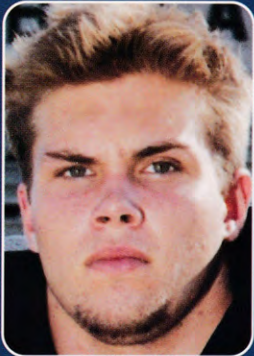


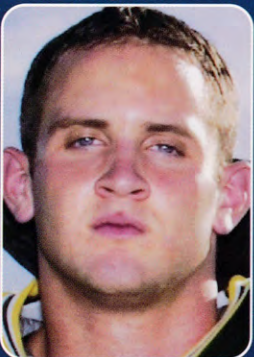
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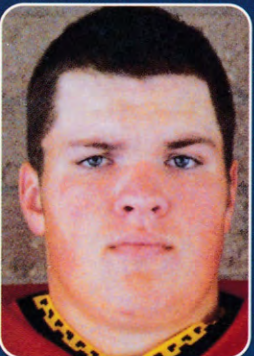
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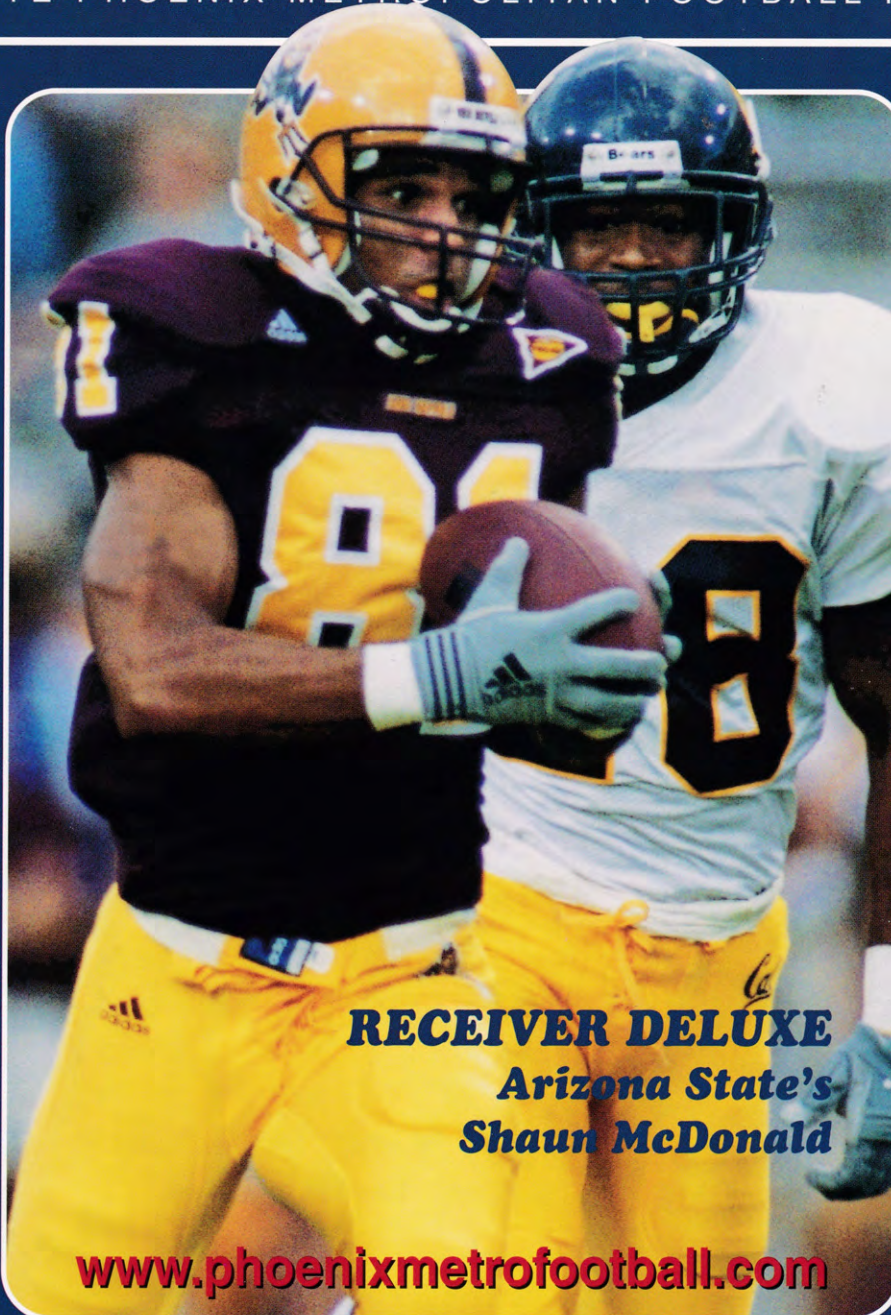
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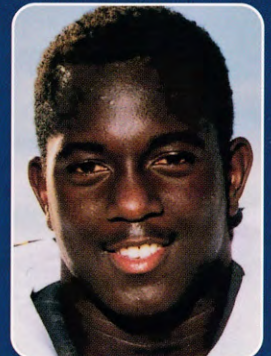


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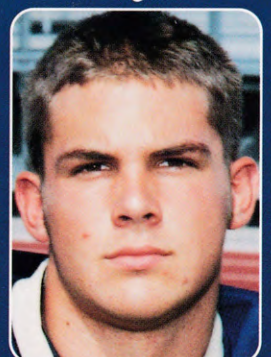


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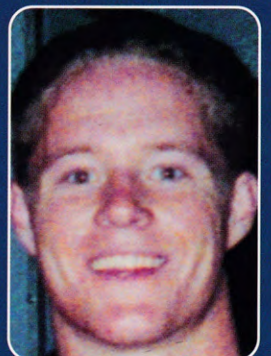
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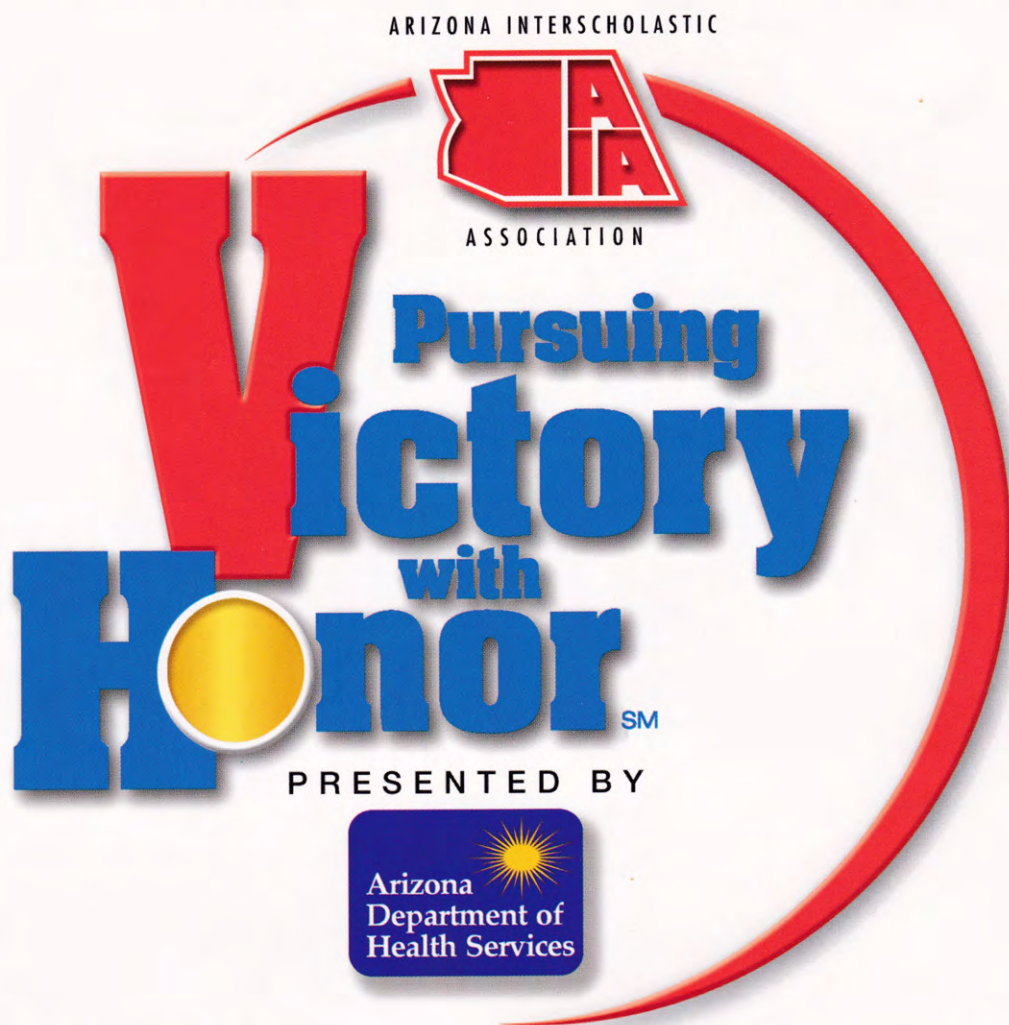
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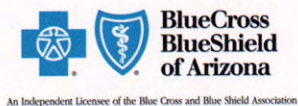
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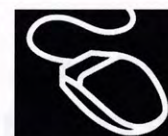
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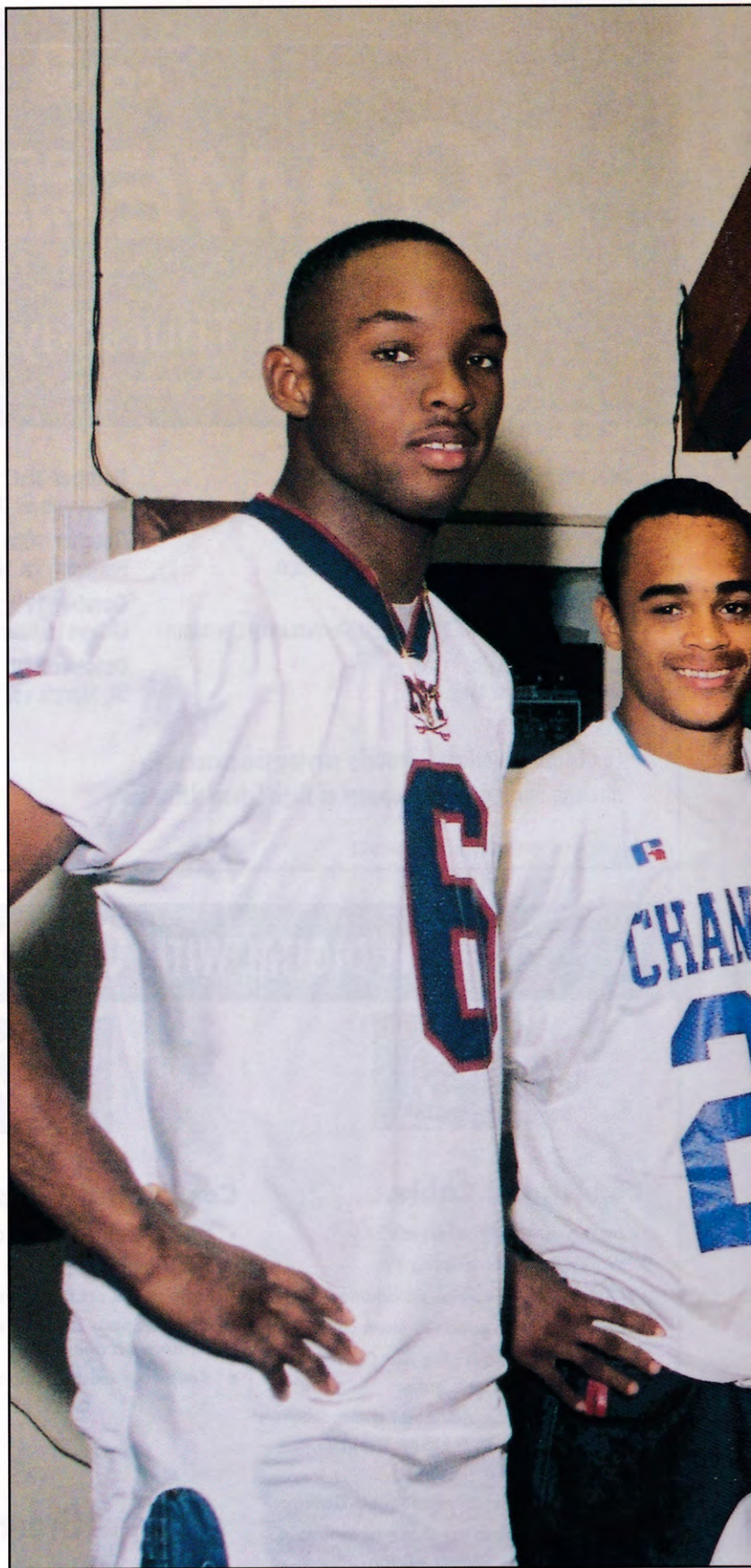
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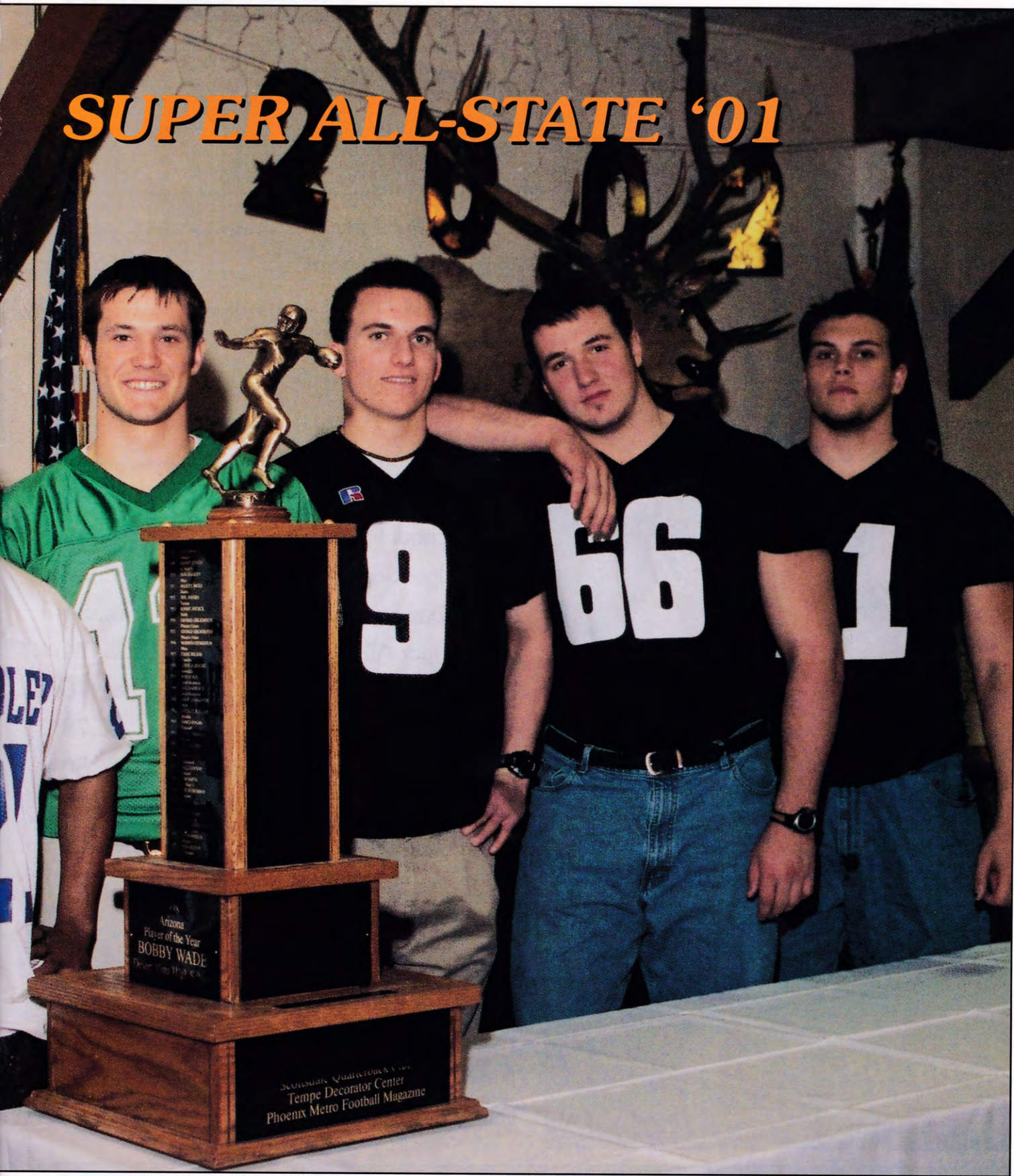
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Six members of Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's '01 Super All-State Team pose with the Vic Housholder Trophy at the Scottsdale Quarterback Club's annual luncheon. L-R: McClintock running back Randy Hill, Chandler receiver Josh Jordan, Sunnyslope quarterback Mike Nixon (the state player of the year), and Saguaro standouts Kellen Bradley, Loren Howard and Kyle Caldwell.

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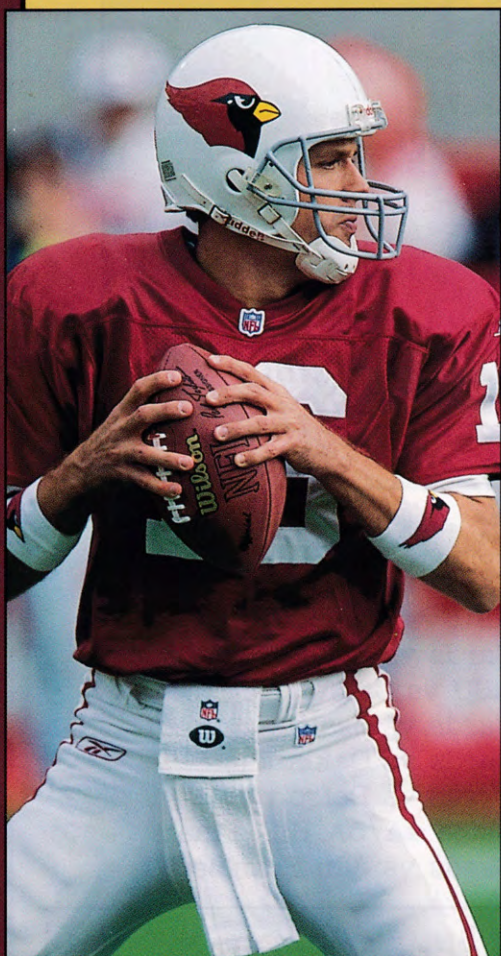
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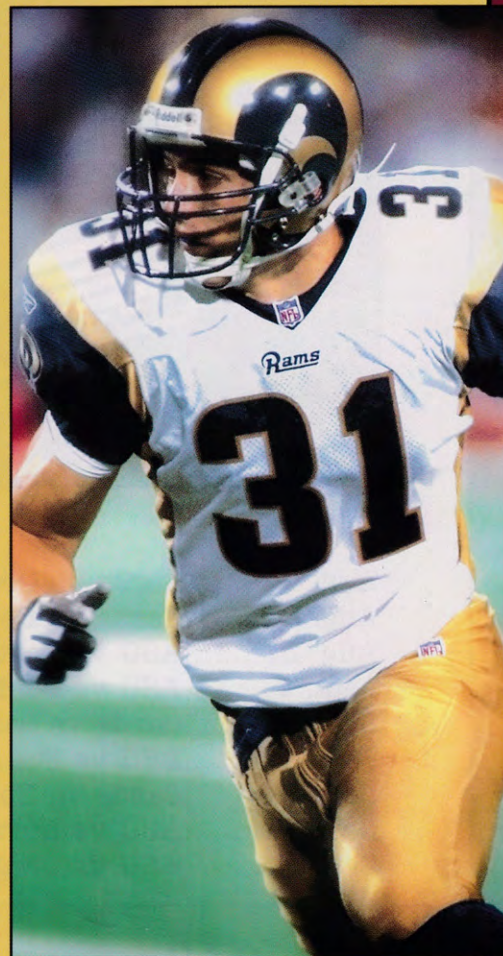


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By **LONNIE COLLINS**

For Sun Devil fans, it's been a long off-season. For second year head coach Dirk Koetter and his staff it's been a busy one. There's a lot to be done.

Coming off a disappointing 4-7 season, climaxed by an embarrassing 34-21 loss to rival Arizona, and a 52-42 loss to UCLA, there were few highlights.

But fans have short memories. In this business, a few key additions and several less injuries, plus a break in scheduling, and a season can turn in a hurry.

Still, A-State's program, under its new coach - the seventh since 1979 - faces a major rebuilding task. Especially at quarterback, offensive line and the defensive front.

Scoring was no problem. Talent-wise, the offense was the team's strength. Defensively, the Devils were so thin at some positions they played four and sometimes five freshmen.

QUARTERBACK HUNT

Since quarterback Jeff Krohn transferred out (UMass), that position becomes a race between sophomore Andrew Walter, who started the final two games, redshirt freshman Chad Christensen, and JC transfer Andy Goodenough.

Christensen seems to be an early favorite. The former Scottsdale Desert Mountain product, the Class 5A all-star quarterback two years ago, looked good in the spring. All three candidates had their moments, both good and bad.

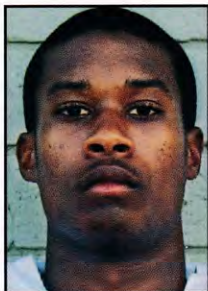
Whoever gets the call will operate behind an offensive line which lost four starters, three to the NFL draft: Levi Jones (Cincinnati Bengals), Travis Scott (St. Louis Rams), and Kyle Kosier (San Francisco 49ers). Like Christensen, all three are former Arizona high school products.

Junior Regis Crawford (6-3, 303) has moved from right guard to left tackle, in an effort to protect the quarterbacks blind side. Junior college transfer Tim Fa'aita (6-1, 315) moves in at left guard, with junior Tony Aguilar (6-3, 283), a former Superior High star, at center. Sophomore Drew Hodgson (6-3, 287) and junior Damien Niko (6-5, 285) line up at right guard and tackle respectively. Niko is a former all-state selection from Mesa Mountain View.

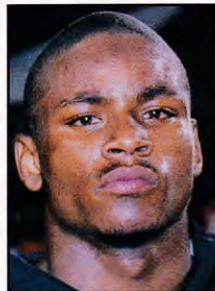
STUPID QUESTIONS

"As young and inexperienced as some of them are, I've been pleased with how hard they've worked in the offseason," said Koetter of his team in March. The

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Jason Shivers
South Mountain



Daryl Lightfoot
Maryvale

Devils new coach learned, among other things, that the talent and depth left him by the previous staff was far less than expected. When asked in September about making the coaching transition from a small school in Idaho to a Pac-10 school, Koetter answered, "I think that question is a joke. I've coached in every major conference. Dennis Erickson (Oregon State) coached at Idaho, Mike Bellotti (Oregon) coached at Chico State, Mike Price (Washington State) coached at Weber State and Bob Toledo (UCLA) coached at Pacific. What's the difference? Football is football at every level."

SKILL SPEED

Speed, if not experience, is a strength at the skill positions, especially offensively. Redshirt freshmen Cornell Canidate (5-9, 190), a Phoenix Alhambra product, and Hakim Hill (6-0, 210), reinstated following legal problems in Iowa, join junior Mike Williams (6-0, 200) in the backfield. Canidate is the youngest brother of St. Louis Rams running back Trung Canidate, while Hill is the son of former A-State great J.D. Hill.

The headliner at wideout Shaun McDonald (5-9, 172), one of the best in the Pac-10. The former Phoenix Shadow Mountain star caught 47 passes for 1,104 yards and 10 touchdowns. A sprint star in high school (10.56/21.48), McDonald is a "big play" artist after catching the ball. In fact, much of ASU's receiving corp looks like "who's who" from the Arizona schoolboy ranks. Besides McDonald, Koetter and his staff

look for improved play from Justin Taplin (Tempe Union), Daryl Lightfoot (Phoenix Maryvale) and Matt Miller (Mountain View), to list a few. Taplin, Lightfoot, McDonald, Williams, Hill, Canidate and Miller can all be used on specialty teams as kick returners. The long snapper appears to be Jay Breckenridge, a senior from Bisbee. Mike Barth, a senior from Mountain Pointe, returns for his senior campaign at placekicker.

DEFENSIVE HEADACHE

There are more questions than answers on this side of the ball. But some bright spots stand out, like defensive end and safety. In third-year starter Terrell Suggs (6-3, 240), ASU has one of the best in the league. The All-American candidate from Chandler anchors a young and inexperienced front, made up mostly of non-starters and JC transfers.

At safety, defensive coordinator Brent Guy returns a good one, sophomore Jason Shivers (6-1, 190), who led the team in tackles (89) as a true freshman. For his efforts the former South Mountain speedster (10.67/21.57) was named to **The Sporting News** Freshman All-America Team.

Although overall depth is a Sun Devil weakness, speed is a major plus. Unfortunately, the first test is in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Defensive end Terrell Suggs was a first team all-Pac-10 pick.

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Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, at least my 1986 edition, describes tradition, among other things, as "the handing down of information, beliefs and customs by word of mouth or by example, from one generation to another, without written instruction." I doubt that that has changed much since 1986, except for maybe at **Arizona State**.

Last November, Arizona State's Sun Devils, under the direction of first-year coach **Dirk Koetter**, hosted rival Arizona in the state's annual grudge match. The host Devils played exactly like they looked. Horrible.

Watching Arizona State's once proud football teams play a game - against anybody - dressed in maroon gear from the neck to the ankles is hard for many alums to stomach.

Whatever happened to tradition? Especially the many little things which surround all great programs. Say what you want about schools like Michigan, Penn State, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas, USC, UCLA, or pro teams like the Oakland Raiders or Boston Celtics - love them or hate them - one thing never changes: They always look the same. How they dress is a big part of their rich and glorious athletic heritage.

But the debacle surrounding ASU's obnoxious attire - for those who care - can't be blamed on **Dirk Koetter**. This lack of respect for tradition started long before he and his staff arrived. The damage was done before Koetter bought a house in town.

Changing uniform colors, as ASU drastically did under former football coach-turned clothes designer **Larry Marmie**, is for losing programs. History backs this up. There's few exceptions. Check out the New Mexico States of the world. As coaches come and go through towns like Las Cruces, alumni hardly recognize their teams. But the great ones seldom change.

It was during the Marmie era that the Sun Devils, wallowing in a lengthy losing streak to rival Arizona, switched one day in 1989 to all-gold uniforms - or was that yellow? It resulted in a humiliating 28-10 loss to the 'Cats. "They looked like a bunch of bananas," said UA linebacker Chris Singleton. "We were laughing on the sidelines." Under Marmie, styles continued to change and the Devils soon discarded gold and switched to maroon pants for road games. Yuck!

Historically, it wasn't that long ago that ASU looked and played, week-after-week, year-after-year, like Sun Devils. Like the Sun Devils the city grew up with, first under **Dan Devine**, then under **Frank Kush**. They never changed their appearance. At home: gold helmets, maroon shirts, gold pants. On the road: gold helmets, white shirts, gold pants. It's not that complicated. Arguing over it is irrelevant. It isn't a matter of taste. It's tradition we're talking about.

Just ask Kush. They built a statue for him. Or **Charlie Taylor**, **J.D. Hill**, **Curley Culp**, **Danny White**, **Benny Malone** or **John Jefferson**. Ask lesser known Devils like **Ron Cosner**, **Harold Slemmer** or **Paul Ray Powell**. They all played a bigger role in ASU history than any player in the last half decade.

"I can understand new coaches coming in and running their own show," says Powell, a former ASU defensive back from Eloy Santa Cruz who played baseball with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "But some things you never change. Like uniforms. There are high schools here which have better respect for tradition than Arizona State. Certain things you don't mess with. Once you put on the Sun Devil uniform, you're a Sun Devil for life."

School officials claim that ASU players were the ones who voted to change their attire for season-ending home games. The players? Who's running the ship? What have recent players in the ASU football program accomplished to make once proud fans anxious to by a ticket and proud to wave the flag?

The sad truth is this: In the past 14 years, Arizona State has had only two seasons with more than six wins in a sport the school and community once hung its hat on. But more has gone south than the uniforms. Still, if you can't play the part, at least look it. Dirk, do all of us a big favor. Especially the hundreds of former Sun Devil players who care.

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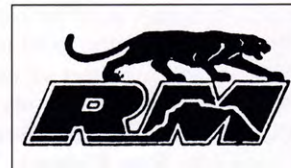
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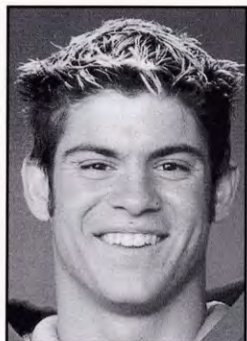


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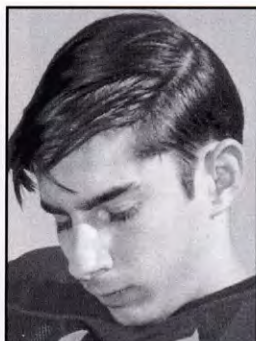
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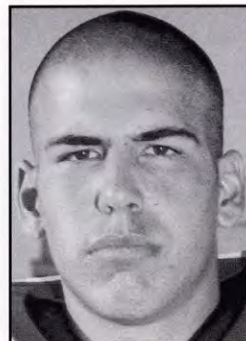
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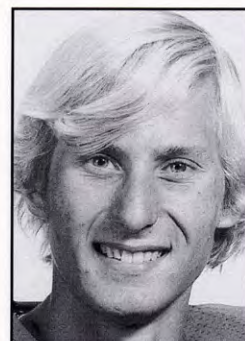
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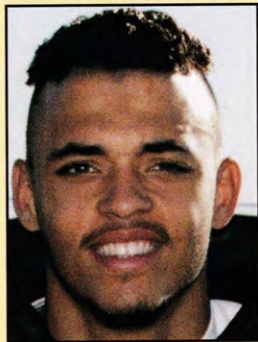
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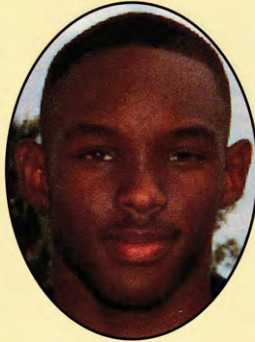
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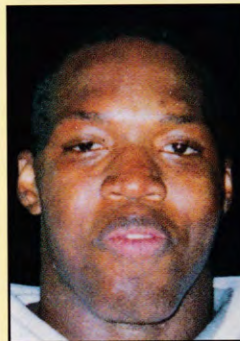
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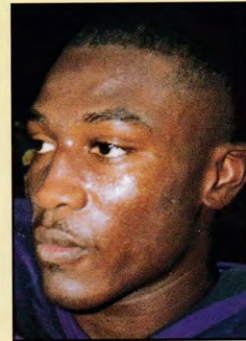
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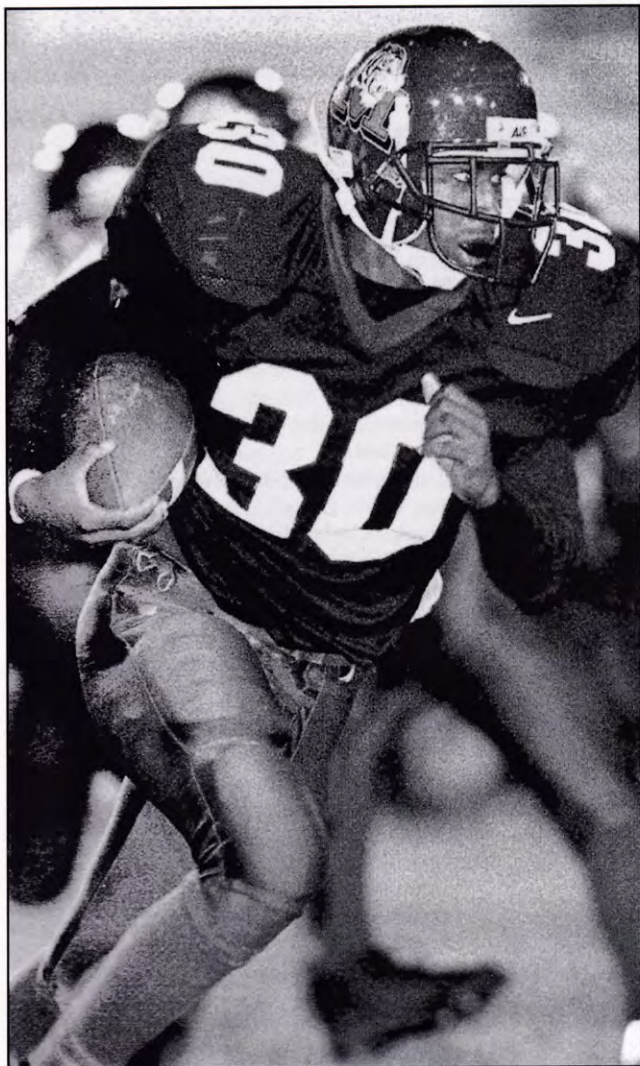
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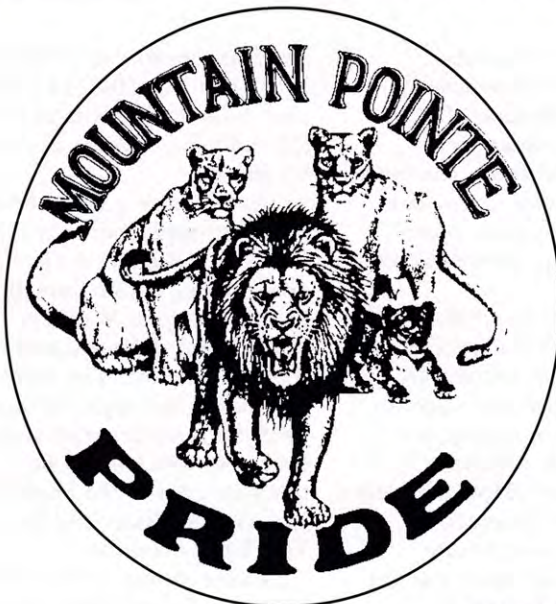
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Hamilton running back Tramell McGill, one of two sophomores in the Huskies' backfield last year, fights for yardage against Chandler High (Ralph Fresno/The Tribune).

Hamilton Wants What Lions Have

The Mesa Public Schools, with their large enrollments and strong junior high feeding systems, continue to dominate the 5A football playoffs. Last year was no exception.

The outcome of the state title game, won 13-10 by Red Mountain over Chandler Hamilton, seemed to surprise everybody but the Lions. For the second straight year, Jim Jones and his staff put it all together. On consecutive weeks the Lions beat Westview 56-12, Brophy Prep 27-14, Scottsdale Horizon 30-17, and Hamilton in the finals.

The title game, played before 10,880 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, brought to seven the number of state crowns worn by Mesa schools in the past 10 years. Red Mountain joined rival Mountain View as the only Mesa schools to win back-to-back crowns. In fact, since the A.I.A. playoff format was established in 1959, no 5A school has won three-straight. For this reason look

for a new champion in December.

As strong as several Mesa schools look, the changing landscape of high school football should make for an interesting season. The region continues to be stocked with quality teams, outstanding players and coaches, plus another flood of college recruiters raiding the area.

How have things changed? Both pre-season picks, Hamilton in Class 5A and Goodyear Millennium in 4A (see 4A preview), didn't exist five years ago. In fact, for the first time in history, six new schools, five public (Chandler Basha, Goodyear Desert Edge, Glendale Day O'Connor, Gilbert Desert Ridge, Tolleson La Joya) and one private (Scottsdale Notre Dame), open this fall.

But in 5A the team to beat is Hamilton, which stubbed its toe only twice last year. In five short seasons, John Wrenn's forces have been impressive. Starting with a patched up inde-

pendent schedule in 1998, the Huskies have gone 7-2, 10-2, 11-1 and 12-2, in that order. In 19 years in the business (15 in Illinois), Wrenn has won 80% of his games.

Seldom does a state champion in 5A start four sophomores in the title game. Red Mountain didn't. Hamilton tried it, with running backs Tramell McGill and Myro Davis, plus linebacker Adam Vincent and defensive end David Smith. It almost worked. The fact that all four are back is bad news for the rest of the field. Still, replacing all-state quarterback Joey Vincent will be the key. But this time around the Huskies' defense looks bigger, faster and better than ever. That's bad news too.

Always strong schools like Mountain View and Desert Vista, both with coaching changes, plus usual powers like Brophy Prep, Peoria and Trevor Browne will always be in the hunt. The race usually goes to the swift.

5A FIESTA REGION

1. Chandler Hamilton (12-2)
2. Gilbert (8-4)
3. Chandler (7-3)
4. Gilbert Mesquite (5-5)
5. Yuma Kofa (5-5)
6. Gilbert Highland (2-8)

The young Huskies almost did it.

Hamilton, with 12 underclassmen in the starting lineup, dropped a 13-10 heart-breaker to Mesa Red Mountain in the 5A finals. If the injury bug stays away, look for John Wrenn's club to be in the hunt again. The running game and overall defense look solid. Both running backs, juniors Trammel McGill (5-11, 180, 4.6) and Myrio Davis (6-2, 195, 4.5), are back. McGill gained 857 yards on 137 carries and scored 16 touchdowns. His longest run from scrimmage was 85 yards. Davis, who could be a good receiver, managed 462 yards on 79 carries. Hamilton is loaded at the skill positions, especially on defense. Davis also starts at safety, with Daniel Marshall (6-1, 175) and Alex Thompson (5-8, 170) on the corners. Marshall is a 22-foot, 9-inch long jumper. Thompson, the quickest Husky with 4.4 speed, gets a look at wideout. He didn't catch a pass last year. Look for that to change. Jeff Draayer (5-11, 190), Mike McDonald (5-10, 200) and junior Adam Vincent (6-2, 215) start at line-backer. Junior Dave Smith (6-3, 238) returns at defensive end. Young Brandon Robertson, only 5-10, 175, started some at linebacker as a sophomore. He's small but quick and tough. Michael Papa (6-1, 225) started at tackle. The offense starts with Dustin Forshee (6-6, 300), one of the biggest and best centers in the region. Tackle Eric Pedersen (6-2, 220) is a good one. Look for Jared Horine (6-0, 190) to start at quarterback. The former tight end turned signal caller is a good athlete with a strong arm. Junior Tyler Workman (6-3, 175) is the Huskies' kicker. "We had a great season," says Wrenn, who is 172-42-0 in Illinois and Arizona. "We should be better this year."

Gilbert, last year's preseason favorite, saw its dream of a state title end in the quarterfinals, a 23-22 stunner to Horizon. "It was very disappointing," says veteran coach Jesse Parker. "I thought we had an excellent chance to win it all. We find it hard to fathom how we lost that game." His Tigers are inexperienced at several key positions, but good size and a sound kicking game give them a boost. In senior Mike Braunstein (5-9, 165), GHS has one of the best kickers in the state. He'll han-

METRO 5A TOP 20 POLL

1. Hamilton Huskies
2. Desert Vista Thunder
3. Mountain View Toros
4. Red Mountain Lions
5. Camelback Spartans
6. Gilbert Tigers
7. Brophy Prep Broncos
8. Ironwood Eagles
9. Westwood Warriors
10. Peoria Panthers
11. Mountain Ridge Lions
12. Marcos de Niza Padres
13. Chandler Wolves
14. St. Mary's Knights
15. Mesquite Wildcats
16. North Canyon Rattlers
17. Horizon Huskies
18. Corona del Sol Aztecs
19. Maryvale Panthers
20. Mesa Jackrabbits

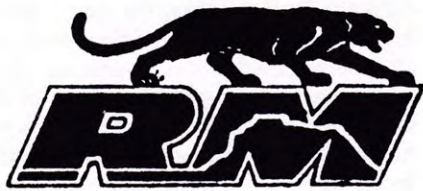
dle all punting and place kicking, with a 54-yarder to his credit against Chandler. He also plays wide receiver. With Braunstein, tackle Mike Moffitt (6-3, 250) and linebacker Strider Farnsworth (5-10, 170), Parker has three quality seniors to build around. Farnsworth also plays full-back. Other quality seniors include quarterback Billy Curdie (6-0, 170), tackle Chris Johnson (6-3, 240), tackle Jerrett Burman (6-2, 230), guard Trey Colburn (6-2, 200), guard Skyler Nelson (5-11, 190), tight end Jared Smith (6-2, 210), wideout Adam Gomez (5-10, 170) and halfback Andrew Holt (5-9, 170), to list a few. Look for juniors Brian and Tyson Bailey to contribute. "The kids are eager," adds Parker. "They have a good attitude. We should have a good team without much depth."

The same goes for **Chandler**, where Jim Ewan returns only 15 players from a 7-3 club which missed the playoffs by one game. "Last year's seniors did a great job of buying into what we are trying to build," says the second-year CHS coach, who earlier in his career won a 3A state championship at Eloy Santa Cruz. "They

did a good job of setting the tone." But there's a problem. Seven defenders (four all-conference selections) graduated. On the positive side, Ewan returns two of the fastest, most talented two-way players in the region: Josh Jordan and Darius Cade. Jordan (5-8, 150), a two-time state long jump champ with 4.5 speed, caught 40 passes for 972 yards and 12 touchdowns. His 24.3 yards per catch led the state. During a 35-14 win over South Mountain, Jordan caught six passes for a school record 227 yards and three touchdowns. His 84 and 82-yard scoring receptions were also records. Against Mesquite he caught five passes for 114 yards and two scores, and intercepted a pass on defense. He caught four passes for 123 yards against Phoenix Central. His 24-foot, 3-inch long jump at the Great Southwest Track & Field Classic was one of the best in the nation. Cade (5-8, 170, 4.6) gained 1,055 yards on

FIESTA REGION NOTEBOOK

This youngest of all Arizona 5A regions has three schools with less than 12 years of varsity competition: Hamilton, Mesquite and Highland. Hamilton's rise to the 2001 finals was the fourth fastest in 5A history, behind Westwood (1964), Mountain View (1978), and Desert Vista (1998), which reached the finals in their second and third years of varsity competition. **COACHING:** Gilbert mentor Jesse Parker has 265 wins, third most in state history. **TRIVIA:** Ironically, Gilbert was 8-0 and Class B (now 2A) state champs in its first year (1923) of varsity football, one year before Chandler fielded an organized team. Gilbert has won a state championship in every 11-man class except 5A. **COLLEGE STARS:** Current ASU defensive end Terrell Suggs, an all-Pac 10 selection, is a product of Hamilton High, where he was the 1999 player of the year as a running back. In the Huskies first year in 5A competition, Suggs gained 2,274 yards and scored 26 touchdowns. **RECENT PROS:** This region is so young that only Chandler High has produced recent NFL players, including St. Louis linebacker Adam Archuleta, and former San Francisco receiver Sanjay Beach. Former Wolves Gordon Rule (Green Bay Packers) and Eddie Wilson (K.C. Chiefs) add to Chandler's NFL collection.



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182 carries and scored 11 times. Like Jordan, he plays in the secondary and started on the varsity as a sophomore. Another bright spot is the kicking game. Promising place kicker John Hedrick, a junior who was injured last year, is a dandy. The coaches are expecting big things from him. Two prospects at quarterback look promising: Juniors Derrick Richardson (5-11, 150) and Justin Thompson (6-4, 180). Thompson also plays tight end, while Richardson doubles at safety and wideout. No matter who starts, both will be on the field. Big Mike Goodman (6-1, 245) is the most experienced lineman. He's a two-way tackle. End Trent Updike (6-4, 220) is another starter. Sophomore Isaiah Jackson (6-0, 180) is a promising receiver/corner with good hands and speed. Wideout Greg Cochran saw playing time.

Mesquite's young program continues to improve under Rich Iverson, as the Wildcats batted .500 in their third year of varsity ball. "Our expectations are high," says Iverson. "We have the potential to challenge for the league crown. Last year we made big strides from the year before." Thirteen starters - seven on defense - return, including two of the best players in the Fiesta. Linebacker/fullback Jose Garcia (6-1, 215) is a dandy. He led the team in tackles and rushed for 513 yards at fullback. Offensively, the key player is Jake Stoltz (6-0, 175), a quarterback/safety with "big play" potential. Last year he completed 73 of 138 passes for 1,099 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was intercepted only four times, best among returning quarterbacks. During a 32-12 win over Mesa Skyline, Stoltz passed for 232 yards and three touchdowns. Josh Chalk, Kyle Kiger, Jeremy Fortenberry, Kevin Forsgren, Bret Kohl, Stephan Dean, Gerald Bryant, Jimmy Williams, Spencer Stowers and Tyler Stowers logged more playing time than any unit in the region. Cornerback Marcus Washington, a transfer from Mesa, gives Mesquite speed and depth in the secondary.

Coach Steve Casey at **Yuma Kofa** finally has the size, strength and speed to compete in the Fiesta, at least on paper. The Kings return 17 starters, backed up by a 7-2 JV unit. The key player is quarterback Kyle Curtis (5-9, 165), a junior who passed for 1,824 yards and 15 touchdowns for the varsity. Miniback Matt DeLaPena (5-5, 135, 4.6) gained 629 yards and scored six times. "We played well for a young, green team," says Casey. "But we couldn't run the ball last

All-region picks

Ten different schools from Maricopa County return at least five first or second team all-region picks from last year's 2001 campaign, with Camelback and Greenway leading the pack. The leaders:

| Picks | School | Last Year | Conference |
|-------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 9 | Phoenix Camelback | 9-2 | 5A Metro Region |
| 9 | Phoenix Greenway | 11-3 | 4A Desert Sky |
| 6 | Mesa Mountain View | 11-1 | 5A East Valley |
| 6 | Glendale Ironwood | 3-7 | 5A Northwest |
| 6 | Scottsdale Saguario | 12-1 | 4A East Sky |
| 5 | Tempe Desert Vista | 9-3 | 5A Central |
| 5 | Tolleson Westview | 7-4 | 5A Metro Southwest |
| 5 | Tolleson | 6-6 | 4A West Valley |
| 5 | Phoenix Bourgade | 6-5 | 2A Metro |
| 5 | Valley Christian | 9-2 | 2A Metro |

year and that killed us."

Up front the Kings are much bigger, starting with center Chad Curtis (5-10, 245) and tackle Bryan Nance (6-3, 285), plus a tough, quick nose guard in Jeff Smith (6-1, 245), who doubles at fullback. Overall, at least one dozen linemen tip the scales at 200-plus pounds, with juniors Sam Dombrose (6-2, 280), Aaron Allen (6-1, 277) and Andy Chaulk (6-1, 267) the biggest underclassmen. All three started. Safety Chris Bielke (6-1, 185), a wideout on offense, is one of Kofa's best athletes.

Biggest change at **Highland** is in the coaching staff, where first-year mentor Preston Jones replaces Mike Reardon, who resigned. Reardon was 24-19 in four years (his first three were playoff teams), including a Fiesta Region title in 1999. "We'll run the same offense and defense," says Jones, son of Red Mountain mentor Jim Jones. "We won't change much." One dozen players return and five started. David Watts (5-9, 165) gets the call at quarterback, with halfback Andrew Trejo (5-8, 215) and split end Jeff Vukobratovich (6-2, 185) his go-to-guys. Jabbar Harris (6-0, 230) and Greg Bledsoe (6-2, 205) give the Hawks two solid linemen. Opposing coaches liked the play of two-way tackle Drew Bozeman (6-3, 245). Last year two sophomores, halfback Erik Davies and linebacker Brady Conrad, cracked the varsity lineup.

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

1. Phoenix Brophy Prep (8-4)
2. Phoenix St. Mary's (4-6)
3. North Canyon (6-4)
4. Scottsdale Horizon (11-2)
5. Paradise Valley (5-5)
6. Shadow Mountain (4-6)

Another good **Brophy Prep** season ended in the quarterfinals, 27-14 to state champ Red Mountain. That gave the Broncos 11 playoff appearances in the last 12 years, all under Tim Sanford. "This season will be a rebuilding year," says Sanford, 124-73-2 at the Central Avenue school. "We return only three starters." But those three are good ones. Wideout/safety Taber LeMarr (6-3, 185), one of the Broncos' best athletes, might move to quarterback (replacing Jeff Rush, a University of Wyoming signee). Tight end Justin Evans (6-3, 225), who doubles at linebacker, is a big target. Two-way back Uriah Marshall (5-11, 170, 4.5) is the quickest junior on the team. He started as a sophomore. Skill players Evan Gammage, B.J. Dennard, Mike Mattingly and Marshall make for a solid junior class. In fact, the junior varsity went 9-0 without them. If seniors Ryan Kessler, Matt Oliver, Ryan So, Ken Getsinger, Phil Rollins, Brian Sanford, Mike Freeland, Dustin Petty, Lance Racoma, Matt Russo, Jeff Denney, Landon Maguire and Thomas Joraanstad step up, Brophy could be right back in the playoff race. Joraanstad, a 130-pounder, is the Broncos' kicker. At 6-4, 260 pounds, junior Drew Hopkins is the biggest underclassman.

Although **St. Mary's** won only four games, the Knights played Horizon tough (17-14 loss), and beat good Mesquite, Paradise Valley and Shadow Mountain teams. With 21 returning lettermen, St. Mary's fans look for improvement in the won-loss column. Quarterback, a strong position at this school, is in the hands of promising junior Tyler Knobbe (6-1, 170), a second team all-league pick. With blocking from linemen like Justin Hickman (6-1, 240) and Jose Lucero (6-

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0, 245), the running game looks solid with Nick Santa Cruz, E.J. Hooks and Gary Miller in the backfield. Those three two-way players join Brian Pacheco in the Knights' secondary. Last year against Mesquite, Pacheco scored on a 100-yard interception return, second longest in the school's history. "We have an experienced group," claims second-year coach John Rodriguez, a former St. Mary's quarterback. "That could make us a contender."

Competitive in every game. **North Canyon** was one win shy of a playoff ticket. With 14 starters - seven on each side of the ball - the Rattlers could be tougher. "We should be improved," warns



BRENT MILLER
Desert Vista



ZACH MILLER
Desert Vista

Jeff Bowen, whose young club won six games. "All our skill kids return." Four of the best players in the region wear Canyon's purple colors: two-way end Jason Horn (6-2, 235), fullback/linebacker Derrik Leija (5-8, 200) and junior linebacker Richard Ricketts (6-2, 205), who could start at quarterback. Each picked up their share of all-league votes. Wingback Adam Pacheco (5-10, 190) was an honorable mention pick. How experienced is Bowen's club? Jesse Brown, Kris Schlepp, Dan Crawley, Walt Conrad, John Opuroku, Mike MacKenzie, Laszlo Vandrasek and David Hernandez also started, some both ways. "We played a lot of young players," adds their coach.

Graduation took more than lots of good players at **Horizon**. Veteran coach Dough Shaffer also hung up his cleats. Shaffer's last team was a dandy, going 11-2 and falling to Red Mountain in the semis. His 1994 club beat St. Mary's in the 5A finals. In comes Keith Brown, who takes over after nine years, two state championships and a .833 winning percentage at 2A Phoenix Christian. "They graduated a lot of good seniors," says the new coach. "We have lots of inexperience, but lots of speed. We have to replace the whole line." Replacing linemen will be a big chore, but center Matt Frankenfield (6-1, 255) is a good start. Teammates Brian Hall (6-3, 285) and Matt Minter (6-3, 230) are up to the task. Halfback Justin Ounjian (6-0, 180), fullback/linebacker Rylan Nicol (6-0, 210), and safety Jon DeFreitas (5-9, 200) started in the semifinal loss to Red Mountain. Skill players like Pat Davis, Vince Flores and Andy Haas look solid. Trey Vineyard and Andrew Peloquin should battle for the quarterback job.

There's no lack of linemen at **Paradise Valley**, where third-year coach Don Yantis returns a solid group. Also, overall experience is a plus, starting with quarterback Ray Klucznik (6-0, 175), guard Will Certain (6-0, 245) and tight end Jamie Catlett (6-4, 220), all four-year

varsity players. Junior Jaime Meraz (5-10, 180) is a solid linebacker. Little Adam Goldstein (5-5, 140) handles all the kicking. He didn't miss a boot, making every field goal (7) and extra point (23) attempt. Leroy Taylor (6-0, 180) and Mike Gwatkin (5-9, 165) are speedy receivers. Darren Lazenby (6-2, 220), James Fox (6-4, 235), Steve Carter (6-2, 215) and Mike Anderson (5-11, 220) form a solid front. "We won four of our first five games," adds Yantis. "Then injuries set it. Last year we had a great freshman class and some of them will contribute."

Shadow Mountain was better than its record, which read 4-6. But the Matadors took a big hit on graduation, and only 12 players return. Quarterback Kyle Meschnark (6-4, 195) is one and that's a plus. He was an honorable mention Desert Valley pick. Fullback Tasso Gicoudis (6-1, 210) is a three-year letter winner. Center Brett Quadlin (6-0, 200) is flanked by guard Matt Miller (6-0, 220), tackle Adam Melsek (6-4, 265) and tight end Josh Rogers (6-1, 210). Gicoudis and halfback Derek Runion (5-10, 185) should feel comfortable behind these guys. Brandon Helton is a capable receiver. Defensive end Kaliopasi Halatokoua, and linebackers Mike Shepard and Chris Stone have a big task ahead.

5A CENTRAL REGION

1. Tempe Desert Vista (9-3)
2. Tempe Marcos de Niza (6-3)
3. Tempe Corona del Sol (6-4)
4. Tempe Mountain Pointe (6-5)
5. Desert Mountain (1-9)

After a one year vacation from the playoffs, **Desert Vista** jumped back into the mix with a 9-3 season and a trip to the quarterfinals. Mountain View sent the Thunder packing with a 10-7 defeat. First-year coach Dan Hinds, a long-time assistant, greets 28 lettermen, including several of the top players in the region. Also, the JV unit crushed most opponents on way to a 9-0 season. Each play starts at quarterback, and Desert Vista is set with senior Wes Tanner (6-0, 196), a slick southpaw who passed for 985 yards and 12 touchdowns. Tight end Zach Miller (6-4, 220), a *Super All-State* pick as a sophomore, caught 28 passes for 495 yards and six TDs. He averaged 17.7 yards per catch. Tailback Jarett Sayas (5-11, 200), a first team 5A all-state back, rushed for 1,397 yards on 183 carries (7.6) and scored 20 times. During a 34-7 win over rival Mountain Pointe, Sayas gained 115 yards and scored three TDs,

DESERT VALLEY NOTEBOOK

Outside the East Valley, this is the only region to break through with championship seasons in recent years. Gold trophies reside at St. Mary's and Horizon. St. Mary's, although younger than rival Brophy, is one of Arizona's winningest football schools, with 456 wins since 1938. Brophy's first football season was 1928.

COACHING: Brophy coach Tim Sanford was an all-state guard at St. Mary's, where his brother Jim is the athletic director. **TRIVIA:**

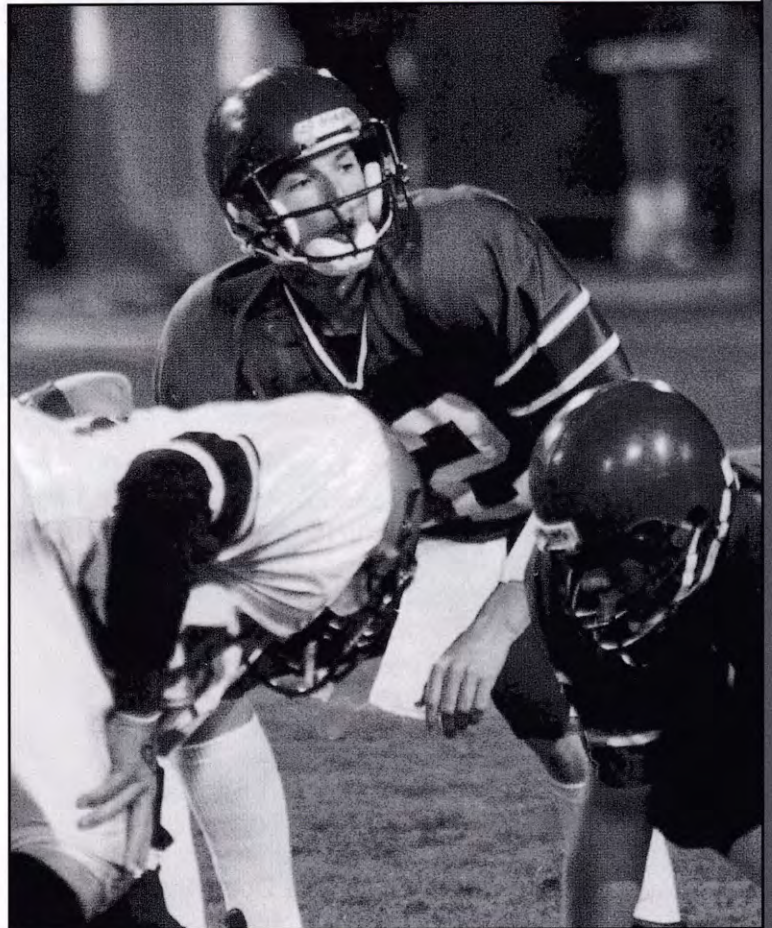
Brophy's original colors, green & white, now belong to St. Mary's. Brophy, which closed in 1935, reopened in the early '50s and switched to red. **COLLEGE STARS:** Current ASU receiver Shaun McDonald (see cover), an all-Pac-10 selection last year, was a former sprint champion at Shadow Mountain High. Other SMHS alum include baseball pitcher Curt Schilling, NBA guard Mike Bibby and Olympic swim champion Misty Hyman. **RECENT**

PROS: Current Atlanta Falcons tackle Shawn Swayda is from Brophy Prep. Phoenix Cardinals tight end Steve Bush is from Paradise Valley. The 1993 Outland Trophy winner, Rob Waldrop, a Kansas City Chief draft pick, is from Horizon, along with tackle Ty Parten, another Chief. Guard Mike Malano (Minnesota Vikings), and recent Denver Broncos backup quarterback Jeff Lewis are also Horizon alum. St. Mary's grads Damon Pieri and Kevin Scott recently played for Carolina and Detroit respectively.

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In 1999, Mountain View quarterback John Beck threw 42 touch-downs passes, six in one game (Steve Paynter photo).



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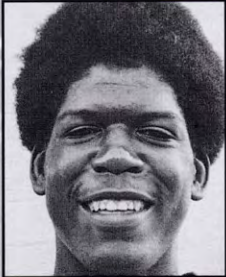
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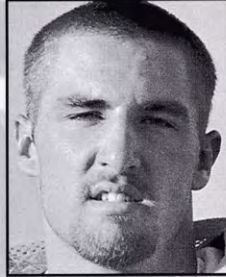
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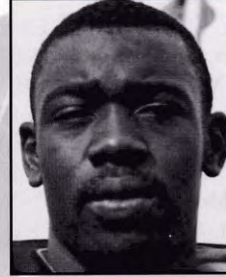
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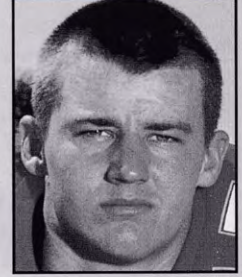
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including a 101-yard return with a pass interception. Add sophomore Marcus Waugh (5-11, 200) to the backfield and the Thunder's running game is set. Throw in defensive back Brent Miller (6-4, 220), linebackers Mike Hale (6-2, 240) and T.J. Carlini (6-0, 180), along with tackles Danny Redding (6-0, 245) and Kamana Kauahi (6-1, 235), and Desert Vista has a title contender. Miller, who has already committed to Arizona State, is the older brother of Zach. In the summer Desert Vista's linemen won the Big Man Challenge at the University of Arizona. Competing against schools from Arizona and California, Redding, Kauahi, Russell Secor, Gino Cruse and Bryan Berman dominated the opposition.

Most of **Marcos de Niza's** starting lineup returns, but the key position to fill will be head coach, where veteran Tom Joseph left for the Mesa Mountain View job. The Padres won six times and missed

CENTRAL REGION NOTEBOOK

Desert Vista's state championship run in 1998 marked the third time a 5A school turned the trick in its second year of varsity play. Mesa Westwood pulled it off in 1964, Mountain View in 1978. Last year, every Central school but Desert Mountain had a winning record.

COACHING: Mountain Pointe veteran Karl Kiefer enters the '02 campaign with 288 wins, best in Arizona history. First-year Desert Vista coach Dan Hinds played for Kiefer at Tempe McClintock, and was the MVP of the 1980 state championship game as a wide receiver/defensive back.

TRIVIA: Kiefer and Corona del Sol head coach Gary Ventura both played at Arizona State. Kiefer, a tight end, was the Sun Devil's team captain in 1959, while Ventura was an all-WAC guard for A-State's unbeaten 1970 Peach Bowl champions.

RECENT PROS: Before Casa Grande bailed out of the league - joining the 5A South last year - the Cougars had three recent NFL alum: Current Detroit Lion fullback Stephen Trejo, and former players Anthony Edwards (Arizona Cardinals) and Randy Robbins (Denver Broncos). In 1996, Marcos de Niza grad Derek Price was a tight end for the Detroit Lions.

Big bodies

At least 11 players in the Phoenix metro area weigh in at 300-plus pounds, with 6-foot, 7-inch, 360-pound Justin McClaren of Trevor Browne the biggest. The region's largest players, based on coaches' reports:

| Size | Player | School | Grade |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 6-7, 360 | Justin McClaren | Trevor Browne | senior |
| 6-6, 330 | Justin Elzy | Apollo | junior |
| 6-4, 330 | Allen Smith | Corona del Sol | junior |
| 6-4, 325 | Nikolasi Uuha | Tempe Union | senior |
| 6-2, 320 | Diego Macario | Central | junior |
| 6-2, 315 | Thomas Liaga | Moon Valley | junior |
| 6-2, 310 | Joe Montoya | Moon Valley | junior |
| 6-8, 305 | Justin Tyler | Ironwood | senior |
| 6-4, 305 | Matt Heus | Desert Mountain | senior |
| 6-0, 305 | Kevin McClintock | Central | senior |
| 6-6, 300 | Dustin Forshee | Hamilton | senior |
| 6-5, 299 | Seth Baker | Cactus | senior |
| 6-2, 298 | Steve Ayala | Agua Fria | senior |
| 6-5, 295 | Thomas Gagiardi | Moon Valley | junior |
| 6-4, 285 | Jake Sanders | Buckeye | senior |
| 6-3, 285 | Robert Dowd | Saguaro | senior |
| 6-3, 285 | Justin Hurst | Saguaro | senior |
| 6-3, 285 | Brian Hall | Horizon | senior |
| 6-4, 280 | Mike Pollak | Corona del Sol | senior |
| 6-3, 280 | Jerrell Brown | Peoria | senior |
| 6-2, 280 | Tony Donlin | Apache Junction | senior |
| 6-2, 280 | David Ross | Alhambra | junior |
| 6-7, 275 | Paul Carpenter | Desert Mountain | junior |
| 6-4, 275 | Mikal Brewer | Centennial | senior |
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| 6-0, 270 | Robert Martinez | Mountain Ridge | senior |

the playoffs by one game. The skill positions look sound and the defense appears solid. Amir Bradford (5-11, 170), Scott Flanagan (5-10, 175), Javier Pacheco (5-11, 170), Jacob Sly (5-8, 150), Ryan Patterson (6-1, 175) and Bets Angulo (5-9, 165) make up a stingy, deep secondary. Anyone could start. Angulo and Zach Gutenson (5-11, 205) could compete at quarterback. Last year Angulo threw for 849 yards. Gutenson, who also plays linebacker, is an outstanding wrestler. So is Pacheco. Flanagan, an outstanding athlete, plays both ways and gained 742 yards and scored 10 TDs. He also returns kicks. With Esteban Bayona in the lineup, the Padres have one of the best kickers around, and one of the best soccer players in the state. In the trenches, Brett Palmer (6-3, 255), Tui Ofahulu (6-1, 245), Joaquin Ruiz (6-1, 255) and Matt Jones (6-2, 240) are tough. Palmer was

an honorable mention all-region pick as a long snapper. Newcomer Matt Thompson (6-0, 225) could start at linebacker.

Corona del Sol, like several area schools, was one win shy of a playoff berth. With only 14 lettermen back, veteran coach Gary Ventura has a major rebuilding job. However, he won't have a problem at tackle, where all-region pick Mike Pollak (6-4, 280), one of the best around, returns for one more year. Pollak has a slew of big friends, including honorable mention all-region center Jake Bell (6-2, 210), tackle Beau Bandura (6-6, 240), and junior tackle Allen Smith (6-4, 330). Offensively, the receiving corps is set with tight end Scott Gurley (6-2, 200) and flanker Chris Palmer (5-9, 160). Gurley, a second team all-region pick, caught 18 passes for 300 yards (16.7) and three touchdowns. Palmer, who doubles in the secondary, caught 18 passes

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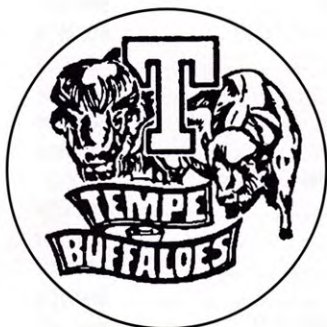


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for 435 yards and another three scores. His 24.2 average yards per catch was one of the best in the Valley. Zach Griffin was an honorable mention pick at defensive back. He and Brett Nenaber will vie for the quarterback position. Seniors Henry Todd, Tyler Markichevich, Joshua Hossa, Tony Larrarte, Sean Sitton and Dale Scheufler logged playing time.

Karl Kiefer, whose overall coaching record (288-117-3) is one of the best in the Southwestern U.S.A., produced a playoff team for the 21st time in his career. Last year's **Mountain Pointe** club snuck into the playoffs with a 6-5 record, then bowed to Hamilton in the first round. Several key players return, including safety Shawn Cooper (6-1, 175), tackle Marcus Potter (5-11, 220), tight end Brandon Markland (6-1, 190), and linebackers Jon Heacock (6-2, 220) and Marcus Nunez (6-5, 220), who is only a junior. Markland caught only four passes, but averaged 15.8 yards per grab. Center Elliott White (6-1, 240), along with classmates Adam Ramsdale, Keith Richardson, Chris Benhoff, Rob Hale, Dan Belousek and Chris Poston, give the Pride senior leadership. Besides Nunez, the junior class could produce quarterback Chad Whittle, plus newcomers Kris Richardson and Dan Calvin, who could start.

Improvement is the battle cry at **Desert Mountain**, where the Wolves won only once. Coach Craig Cobley returns 22 players, plus several good

prospects from the junior varsity. Best bet for post season honors goes to linebacker Zach Semler (6-1, 225), an all-region pick last year. Tailback Evan Elliott (5-11, 185), a four-year letterman, managed 416 yards on 93 carries (6.5) and scored six TDs. Wide receiver Rob Mowers (6-0, 175) was an all-region long snapper, a valuable position at any level. Matt Heus (6-4, 305) and Paul Carpenter (6-7, 275) are two of the biggest tackles in the region. Depth and a lack of overall team speed continues to be a concern.

5A NORTHWEST REGION

1. Glendale Ironwood (3-7)
2. Peoria (10-2)
3. Glendale Mountain Ridge (8-3)
4. Deer Valley (4-6)
5. Phoenix Goldwater (3-7)
6. Kingman (2-7)

Don't be mislead by **Ironwood's** record. The Eagles lost five games last year by less than six points. Chuck Esquivel's veteran club returns five of the top players in the Northwest Region, including tackle Justin Tyler (6-8, 305), a big-time college prospect. Overall, 29 lettermen return, including slick quarterback Jason Murrietta (6-2, 200), like Tyler an all-region pick. It was young Murrietta who completed 12 of 13 passes for 224 yards and a school record five touchdowns against Phoenix North two years ago. Besides Tyler and Murrietta, Ironwood returns tailback Aaron Lafitte,

NORTHWEST REGION NOTES

Since moving up to Class 5A in 1999, Peoria has a better winning mark (77%) than Doug Clapp's forces did in 4A (76%). The Panthers have won three consecutive region crowns. Only two schools from this new region, Peoria and Mountain Ridge, had winning records last year. **COACHING:** Clapp is the veteran, with a 147-43-6 record in 16 seasons, including 4A state titles in 1986, 1987, and a tie with Tucson Sahuaro in 1994. Clapp's winning percentage (.774) is the sixth best among active Phoenix metro coaches. **TRIVIA:** Peoria is the grandfather of this league, Mountain Ridge the baby. Peoria fielded a varsity team in 1923. Legendary Mesa coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford was a Peoria alum, and coached the Panthers between 1934-38. **RECENT PROS:** Former Peoria receiver Eric Guliford played with the Carolina Panthers, Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints. Goldwater receiver Kevin Alexander played with the New York Giants.

linebacker James Conkling, tight end Corey Jenkins and guard Bailey Flynn, first or second team all-region picks. Wideouts Robert Trent and Lucas Schroedle were honorable mention. Murrietta, Conkling and Jenkins lettered

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as sophomores. "We're very optimistic about the caliber of athletes coming back," adds Esquivel, who enters his seventh season at the school.

Graduation ceremonies took away a great senior class at **Peoria**, where one dozen starters from an excellent 10-2 club picked up diplomas. The Panthers' near-perfect season ended in the quarterfinals, 38-34 to Chandler Hamilton. Since moving up to 5A in 1999, Doug Clapp's forces have won 77% of their games and three consecutive region titles. With line-backer Ammon Wolfley (6-2, 215) and wideout Tim Toone (5-11, 165) still on campus, Clapp has two of the best players on the westside. Wolfley led the team in almost every defensive category, including solo tackles (30), assists (70) and tackles for a loss (8). The speedy Toone caught 28 passes for 470 yards (16.8) and four TDs. Fullback James McCullom (5-11, 215) gained 548 yards on 58 carries (9.5) and scored seven times. Big Evan Becher (6-5, 240) might be one of the best tight ends in the region. As always, the Panthers are big in the trenches, with David Harrod (6-4, 250),



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Jerrell Brown (6-3, 280), James Paramo (6-2, 245), Mike Griffin (6-3, 260), Mike Newell (6-4, 215), Adam Johnson (6-0, 240), Jowanza Adonis (6-2, 260) and Josh Berry (6-3, 240) penciled in as starters. Chris Archuleta, Greg Hernandez, Ian Harris, Karl Mitchell and Terrell Landrum add depth.

The best 5A team not invited to the playoffs might have been **Mountain Ridge**. Steve Belles saw his veteran club drop a 39-33 heartbreaker to Peoria in early November to finish 8-3. His offense averaged close to 40 points per game. But graduation took a big toll. Still, look

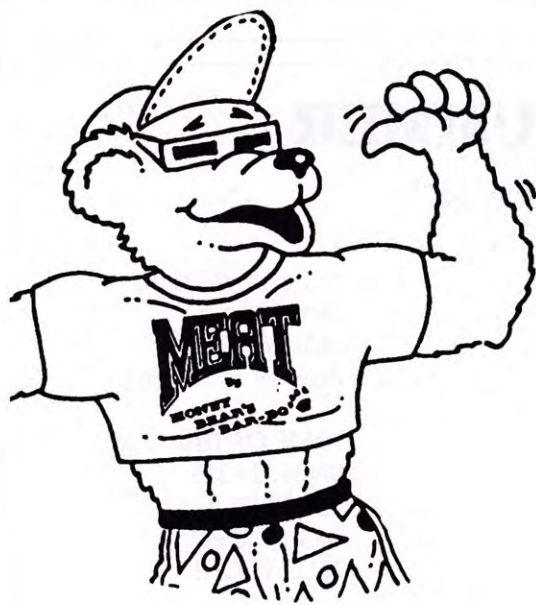
for solid line play, a quick backfield and good leadership at quarterback. Brad Western (6-2, 185), a senior with 4.7 speed and a good arm, takes over a quarterback. He's a good one. Halfback Eric Urbank (5-10, 180), an honorable mention all-region pick, looks for another good season. He'll be running behind a big, strong line, anchored by all-region guard Jason Perkins (6-3, 240), one of the best in the Valley. He joins center Mike Gibbs (6-0, 259), and tackles Trey Jones (6-2, 272), Rob Martinez (6-0, 270) and Jon Weeks (6-0, 260) to give the Mountain Lions a strong, veteran front wall. If skill players like Jeff Allen, Justin Balich, Ryan Dulaney, Chris Burford, Garrett Ellis, Brendan Duffy, Nick Bell, Nick Covey and Tim Ham step up, the Ridge will be in the hunt. Bell, Covey and Ham are sophomores. They open Sept. 13 at Tucson Sahuaro.

Back-to-back four-win seasons has **Deer Valley** looking for improvement, as the Sky Hawks return 22 squad members from a 4-6 campaign. By November, only one dozen seniors suited up, the least in the league. Three key players, wideout

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Kyle Sharp (5-9, 165), cornerback Jason Vilar (5-8, 155) and linebacker Shawn McCabe (5-10, 195) return. Sharp was a second team all-region pick. Vilar and McCabe earned honorable mention. Three sophomores cracked the lineup last year: Kicker Nathan Derry, quarterback Travis Comer and tackle Josh Key. Ten interior linemen return who tip the scales at 200-plus pounds.

Dan Friedman, a former assistant at Horizon, takes over at **Goldwater**, where the Bulldogs have won just six games in four years. There's nowhere to go but up. The ranks look thin. Only 14 varsity players return. Veteran linebacker Jason Peterson (5-10, 205), who doubles at guard, might be the best bet for post-season honors. Other seniors who will be called upon for two-way duty include tackle/end Derrick Dillman (6-4, 245), fullback/linebacker Dustin Haynes (6-2, 225), and halfback/linebacker Josh Wilbur (5-11, 190). Three juniors, quarterback Nick Jones, wideout Mike Sawtelle and tight end Max Mahoney will get a chance to contribute.

5A EAST VALLEY REGION

1. Mesa Mountain View (11-1)
2. Mesa Red Mountain (13-1)
3. Mesa Westwood (3-6)
4. Mesa (4-6)
5. Mesa Dobson (6-4)
6. Mesa Skyline (1-9)

The circus surrounding the firing and hiring of a new coach at **Mountain View** is over, and it's back to business at the Mesa powerhouse. Tom Joseph, veteran mentor at Tempe Marcos de Niza, takes over the reins. He's greeted by 25 lettermen and a wealth of tradition. Ten starters, including six all-region picks, return from an 11-1 club which fell to Chandler Hamilton in the state semis. The big-play artist is wideout/kick returner Cody Malone (5-11, 180), grandson of former Mesa legend "Whizzer" White. Malone, a 10.75 sprinter in track, can do it all. He averaged 19.9 yards per catch, and during a 17-7 win over Mesa posted 132 yards on punt returns, including 67-yarder for a score. Defensive end Scott Steadman (6-2, 210), linebacker Bryce Hardy (5-10, 225), punter Mike Sparks (6-0, 170), place kicker Bronson Higham (5-10, 155), guard Logan Enos (5-9, 248), center Kellen Mills (6-3, 215), defensive back Robert Dahlk (5-11, 175), linebacker Taylor Walden (6-0, 205) and tackle Hunter Brady (6-3, 252) give Mountain View more key returning play-

ers than any squad in the region. Brady is the son of former Scottsdale Coronado quarterback Greg Brady, the 1976 Arizona Player of the Year. The quarterback position is unknown, but there's plenty of candidates. Golden Goodman, brother of former ASU quarterback Griffin Goodman, will be a junior. So will Max Germaine and Max Hall. Germaine's older brother Joe, a former Toro quarterback, plays today for the Kansas City Chiefs.

No 5A school in modern times has three-peated, and **Red Mountain** would like to change that. The Mountain Lions, coached by Jimmy Jones, are on a roll. Back-to-back state crowns has put them in an elite group. Since very few schools win championships without quality quarterbacks, the Lions are set. Slick signal caller Steve Smith (6-1, 200) completed 28 of 65 passes for 662 yards and seven touchdowns in the Lions' run-oriented offense. He passed for 279 yards and four TDs during a 56-12 playoff win over Westview. When carrying the ball, Smith gained 689 yards on 99 trips and scored six touchdowns. His longest run from scrimmage was 81 yards. Besides Smith, the Lions return three additional starters on offense: Center Chad Yates (6-1, 225), tackle Dana Price (6-4, 230) and tight end Josh Roos (6-3, 215), who averaged 20.2 yards per catch. On the defensive side of the ball, Jones has a stellar lineman in Aaron Fernandez, a 6-2, 240-pound junior who recorded six sacks. Price joins him at defensive end. Tackle Nathan Bateman (6-3, 250) and tight end Pat Dunn (6-3, 180) help give Red Mountain another top-notch line, one of the best in the region. Senior Roderick Jenkins saw action in the secondary. "It looks good again," says Jones. "But so do several other teams. We have several key players returning, but still have to deal with the added pressure of defending the title. We think we'll have one of our best lines."

Look for **Westwood**, state runnerup in 2000, to rebound from a three-win season. Coach Roger Suchomel returns 21 lettermen from a green team which battled most teams tough. "Hopefully we'll be a lot more competitive," says the Warriors' coach. Here's betting they will. Quarterback Ben Beavers (5-11, 170) returns. He completed 39 of 84 passes for 515 yards. Halfback Alexis Arrieta (5-9, 160) gained 359 yards on 74 carries. Fullback/linebacker Koa Kalama (5-10, 220), guard/linebacker Benito Becerra (5-11, 225) and tackle Matt Ochoa (6-1,

EAST VALLEY NOTEBOOK

No 5A school since 1959 has three-peated, so Red Mountain is bucking the odds. Only two Mesa schools, Mountain View and the Mountain Lions, have won back-to-back crowns. The granddaddy of the league, Mesa High, has won more games (588) than any team in Arizona history - high school or college. The Rabbits first played varsity ball in 1920. **COACHING:** This league produced former coaching legend Edgar "Mutt" Ford, of Mesa and Westwood fame. Ford, who is deceased, won 227 games before retiring in 1967. He was the 1960 National Coach of the Year. **COLLEGE STARS:** Too numerous to list, but current Washington State junior Sammy Moore was a star receiver at Westwood and Bakersfield (Ca.) Junior College. **RECENT PROS:** **Mesa** - Robert Holcombe (St. Louis), Vai Sikahema (Arizona); **Mountain View** - Joe Germaine (Kansas City), Todd Heap (Baltimore), Kurt Haws (Washington); **Westwood** - Travis Scott (St. Louis); **Dobson** - Toby Wright (St. Louis); **Red Mountain** - Brian Jennings (San Francisco).

220) were honorable mention all-region picks. Speedy LaRue Burley doubles at cornerback/receiver. Center Guffy Wright, tackle Wes Wright and wideout Jaren Parham started.

Mesa, with several returning all-region picks, hopes to rebound from its first losing season in 17 years. Coach Bill McKane, who has won 70% of his games, greets only 15 returning players. But two, linebacker Jarrett Stradling (5-10, 220) and guard Kit Merkley (6-0, 235), are top-notch. Stradling, one of the best in the region, teams with Matt Forkenbrock (6-0, 180), Preston Ashby (6-1, 190) and Ben Opfel (5-9, 190) to give the Jackrabbits a good collection of linebackers. In fact, Mesa's defense looks solid, with several returning players, including safety Tim Besch (6-1, 180). Offensively, center Russell Wright (6-1, 225) is back, along with tackle Ron Joao (6-4, 265) and wide receiver Jacob Richardson (6-0, 185), who could be switched to quarterback. Tafuna Vaingamalie, Andre Fernandez and Alfred Stratton make up the receiving corp. Look for juniors Akeen Jackson, Garrett

Big schools

Enrollment figures for the Valley of the Sun's largest high schools during the past 2001 football season:

| Students | High School |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 3,821 | Mesa |
| 3,807 | Mesa Mountain View |
| 3,483 | Mesa Dobson |
| 3,104 | Mesa Red Mountain |
| 3,069 | Tolleson Westview |
| 3,069 | Mesa Westwood |
| 3,016 | Gilbert |
| 2,874 | Mountain Ridge |
| 2,862 | Gilbert Highland |
| 2,787 | Phoenix Trevor Browne |
| 2,695 | Tempe Corona del Sol |
| 2,677 | Gilbert Highland |
| 2,612 | Phoenix North |
| 2,611 | Chandler |
| 2,598 | North Canyon |
| 2,544 | Phoenix Alhambra |
| 2,505 | Tempe Desert Vista |
| 2,533 | Gilbert Mesquite |
| 2,485 | Scottsdale Horizon |
| 2,391 | Desert Mountain |
| 2,374 | Phoenix Central |

SOURCE: Arizona Interscholastic Association

Stapley, Donal Rabon and Michael Moreno to contribute. "It was a tough year, with some close losses," says McKane. "Our numbers are down but we hope to bounce back."

It's looking better at **Dobson**. In Tom DeMassa's first year at the helm, the Mustangs won six games, the best finish in eight years. Overall, one dozen players return, including quarterback/safety Alex Hawthorne (6-2, 205), a two-year letter winner. He's the key player. Kyle Amsberry (5-11, 175), another safety, joins Hawthorne in the secondary. He can also play wide receiver. Fullback Lionel Vaionmunga (6-2, 220) doubles at defensive tackle. Guard Ty Wood (6-2, 225) is another two-way player. Last year's unit was senior dominated, so the coaching staff will take a hard look at incoming players from a good JV squad. Still, the Mustangs look like they're one year away from a playoff berth.

The road continues to look rocky for **Skyline**, where a senior-dominated squad mustered only one win. The Coyotes' offense functions around quarterback Jesse Hamblin (5-9, 165), a slick senior who can run and throw. Two-way back Jeremiah White (6-1, 170) and lineman Mitch King (5-11, 200) appear best bets for post-season honors. King is one of only five returning interior linemen with varsity experience.

5A METRO REGION

1. Phoenix Camelback (9-2)
2. Phoenix Maryvale (6-4)
3. South Mountain (4-6)
4. Phoenix Cesar Chavez (3-7)

5. Phoenix North (2-8)
6. Yuma Union (3-7)

At **Camelback**, the Spartans almost pulled it off. Their first playoff appearance in 12 years ended in a 26-21 first round loss to Scottsdale Horizon. The game could have gone either way. Second-year coach Daryl Phillips returns seven first team all-region picks, the most in the Valley. The Spartans' talent level is high. Look for all-state safety Eric Anderson (6-2, 205) to move to tailback. He'll replace the departed Marcus Broom, who gained 1,511 yards. Receiver/linebacker/basketball star Thomas Huff (6-4, 215), the state high hurdle champ at 14.3 seconds, is one of the region's best athletes. Defensive end Ivan Clark (6-3, 220) is one of the best linemen. He recorded 21 solo tackles and five sacks, second on the team to linebacker Jared Fagen, who recorded six. Fullback/linebacker Ronnie Phillips (5-11, 185) averaged 8.6 yards on only 30 carries, and led the team in solo tackles (67). He averaged 18.5 yards on three kickoff returns. Nick Baumann (6-0, 185) returns at quarterback, where he completed 53 of 120 passes for 1,151 yards and 10 touchdowns in his first varsity start. Little Jaime Esquivel booted 34 extra points and four field goals. Big Jacob Kormos (6-3, 275) looks like the Spartans' best offensive tackle. Defensive lineman Daniel McEvoy, cornerback Eric Hobson, and linebackers Nick Adams and John Verdugo logged playing valuable time.

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Maryvale missed the playoffs, but finished with four straight wins to end on a high note. "We got rid of some attitude problems that turned our season for the better," says veteran Tom Bruney. "Team chemistry is not overrated." Good skill players and team speed is again a plus, but size and depth on the line is not. Two three-year starters, fullback/nose guard Dauntae Poole (5-9, 195) and two-way end Mark Baymon (6-0, 210), expect good years. Poole gained 808 yards. Quarterback Ray Rodriguez (5-11, 190) passed for 1,300 yards. Senior linebacker Dominic Armenta leads a young defense which includes junior safeties Brian Laswell and Richard Rivera. In fact, most of the returning key players reside on the defensive side of the ball, like William Parker, Morris Wooten, Eric Walker, Alonzo Akins, Tremayne Harris and Anthony Melvin. Alex Borja, a 6-0, 210-pound junior, is the Panthers' center.

Whoever replaces Cleveland Dansby at **South Mountain** faces 20 returning lettermen, including as usual, several talented skill players. Best of the lot is defensive back/kick returner Marsean Chestnut, a 5-9, 175-pound burner who can also play running back. But his future is in the secondary, or returning kicks, where he led the league. Cornerback Willie Ruiz (5-9, 160) and wideout Tyrice Thompson (6-4, 205) were all-region picks. Ruiz could take over at quarterback. Phil Jefferson saw action at safety. Corner Mike Jones, fullback Isaac Glass, and halfback John Hart should start. Hart, with 4.5 speed, is a junior. Ricky Smith and Cedric Mitchell are the only returning linemen. This is where the Jaguars are thin.

With its first varsity season under its belt, **Cesar Chavez** is better prepared for the upcoming campaign. The Champions, coached by Manny Acosta, return 24 lettermen, plus a bigger, more physical squad. "We should be better," says Acosta. "We had trouble adjusting to varsity competition early, but started playing better towards the end." With two-way lineman Tyreece Gilder (6-0, 215) in the lineup, Acosta has one of the best in the region. He starts at guard and defensive end. Senior Brendon Storms (6-1, 235), another two-way player, gives the school two solid defenders in the trenches. Senior leadership is evident at quarterback, too. Danny Dyster (5-11, 175) runs the Champions' I-formation. Three juniors, linebacker Michael Peraza, cornerback James Gibson and guard Jose Perez, start at key positions. Last year 10 sophomores logged playing time.

Sixteen experienced players, including all-region running back Breon Felix, should give **North** a boost. Look for the Mustangs to improve, with the running of Felix, a 5-11, 200-pound three-year letter winner. Last year, during a win over rival Central, Felix gained 250 yards on 26 carries and scored three times - the longest going 80 yards. He and classmate Israel Carrillo, a tight end/linebacker, were selected team co-captains as juniors. Center Dan Saldana (6-2, 240) and junior fullback William Horace were honorable mention all-region picks. Junior Ryan Flannery, one of 10 sophomores on the varsity last year, starts at guard and linebacker. Senior Rene Villela gets the call at quarterback.

5A METRO SOUTHWEST

1. Phoenix Trevor Browne (4-6)
2. Tolleson Westview (7-4)
3. Phoenix Alhambra (2-8)
4. Yuma Cibola (9-2)
5. Phoenix Central (1-9)
6. Phoenix Carl Hayden (0-10)

Back-to-back losing seasons has **Trevor Browne** hoping mad. Second-year head coach Phil Wooley returns 21 players, plus a collection of juniors-to-be from a good sophomore squad. "If we stay healthy and have no distractions, we should have a good year," claims the coach. The Bruins' running game is set. Senior Kamron Scroggins (6-0, 185), an all-region selection, gained 1,394 yards on 175 carries and scored 12 touchdowns. He caught 18 passes for 552 yards. Against Alhambra he rushed 13 times for an 18.9 average, gained 246 yards and scoring four TDs. His longest strike covered 98 yards. Besides Scroggins, cornerback Ralph Carrethers (5-9, 155) and linebacker Chris Florentin (6-1, 200) were first-time all-region. Carrethers deflected five passes and intercepted six. Florentin aided in 73 tackles. Defensive lineman Chris Razo (6-3, 220) had five sacks. Tight end Angel Browning (6-2, 220) and tackle Justin McClaren (6-7, 360) give the Bruins two more quality, experienced players. Junior Benny Banta (6-0, 180) could start at quarterback. Sean Dahley, Ray Green, Dave Webster, Edgar Gamez, Dean Riggs, Tino Garcia and Keegan Herring give Wooley's staff a good collection of skill players. Herring is only a sophomore.

Eighteen players, including four who earned post-season acclaim, return at **Westview**. George Martinez feels his team has a shot at a third consecutive

METRO REGION NOTEBOOK

No region in Arizona has sent more players into the college and professional ranks than the Phoenix Union School District, with now defunct Phoenix Union leading the charge. But the championship throne has eluded the district since 1981. Since the present day playoff format was established, South Mountain (1959), Central (1969/1972), Camelback (1974) and Trevor Browne (1981) have won titles.

COACHING: No coach in the district has more than nine years as the head man. The leader is Tom Bruney at Maryvale. The record for wins belongs to former Trevor Browne mentor Bill Milton, who won 206 games in 29 years with the Bruins. **TRIVIA:** Between 1913 and 1955, Phoenix Union won 25 state championships, a national record at the time. In Sept. of 1963, Union's enrollment reached its peak, with 6,320 students. Located at 7th Street & Van Buren, it closed in 1982.

COLLEGE STARS: A-State sophomore safety Jason Shivers, a former state sprint champ at South Mountain, was a first-team *Sporting News Freshman All-American* last year. **RECENT**

PROS: Too many to list, but in recent years: **South Mountain** - Terry Fair (Lions), Raymond Perryman (Raiders), Rashad Bauman (Redskins), Manny Hendrix (Cowboys), Steve Jordan (Vikings), Byron Evans (Eagles). **Maryvale** - Frank Garcia (Rams), Darren Woodson (Cowboys), Phillipi Sparks (Giants). **Camelback** - Kevin Miniefield (Bears), Darryl Morrison (Redskins), Warren Wheat (Seahawks). **North** - Muhammad Oliver (Redskins). **Alhambra** - Eric Johnson (Raiders). **Central** - Damon Mayes (Redskins) and Trung Canidate (Rams). **Westview** - Nick Harris (Bengals).

league crown. The Knights own a 12-3 region mark in the past three years. Post-season honors came the way of linebackers Nick Crowe (6-2, 225) and Ron Tate (6-2, 220), plus wideout Kevin Lowery (6-1, 170) and safety Eddie Brown (5-10, 175), who will double at quarterback. Westview always throws the

ball well, and this year Brown is the guy. Tailback Jarrell Davis (4.5), linebacker Devin Johnson (4.7) and cornerback Kevin Leandro (4.5) help give the Knights more speed than normal. Emmanuel Luna is a tough, experienced nose guard.

It's been 16 years since **Alhambra** has played in the post-season, and Frank Lantt would like to change that. "We will be young, with only eight seniors," says Lantt. "But we have great kids who will compete." Top junior on campus is half-back Rodney Overton (5-10, 160, 4.5), a burner who gained 1,200 yards, 197 on 26 carries during a 29-27 loss to region champ Westview. Not bad for a sophomore. James Randall (5-9, 160) gets the call at quarterback. He was an all-region defensive back. Linebacker Armando Rivas, along with linemen Dan Hernandez and Chaca Rojo, give the Lions senior leadership on defense. Tackle David Ross, at 6-2, 280-pounds, is the biggest of a good junior crop, including Josh James, Robin "Coco" Kane, Gary Metcalf, Shaun Peck and Orlando Suarez, to name a few.

Veteran signal caller Cody Peterson, like all good quarterbacks, is the main man



AMMON WOLFLEY
Peoria



STEVE SMITH
Red Mountain

at **Yuma Cibola**. The 6-0, 187-pound senior was one of the the key figures in the Raiders' climb to the playoffs. A tough kid, he can also play linebacker. But with only nine returning players, it might be hard for Lucky Arvizo and his staff to match last year's 9-win season. Fullback Michael Calderon was an honorable mention all-region pick. Calderon, plus both defensive ends, Jake Schroeder (6-1, 212) and Miguel Porchas (6-4, 240), are three-year varsity players. Joey Claborn looks like the Raiders' best pass catcher.

Phoenix Central, two years removed from the playoffs, should be much improved, with an offensive line averaging 250 pounds, plus quarterback Chris Rodgers, a promising sophomore. A speedy secondary gives the defense hope. Rodgers, at 6-3, 205-pounds, is one of the region's bright young prospects. Tailback Jacquez Hickman (5-10, 180, 4.4), one of the quickest players in the city, joins Nathan Batiste (5-10, 185) in the Bobcats' secondary. As two-way players they'll be busy. Big Kevin McClintock (6-0, 305) was an honorable mention all-region guard. Junior Diego Macario (6-2, 320) give the Bobcats two 300-pounders in the trenches. Still, depth is a major weakness.

For **Carl Hayden** to break into the win column, all-region picks like defensive back Justin Watson (5-9, 172) and tackle Juan Fernandez (5-8, 180) will need some help. Besides these two, quarterback Gabriel Valdenegro, halfback Cosme Chavez and tackle Rey Sandoval show promise. Overall, 15 underclassmen saw action. But depth is a problem here too. Only five Falcons tip the scales at 200-plus pounds.



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Spartans 26 Kingman 17
Spartans 13 Marcos de Niza 16
Spartans 32 Maryvale 26
Spartans 34 Yuma Union 7
Spartans 33 South Mountain 13
Spartans 42 North 12
Spartans 48 Cesar Chavez 21

PLAYOFFS:

Spartans 21 Horizon 27



Millennium running back Chazz Miles drags two Buckeye defenders during the Tigers' 27-19 win over the Hawks.
(Owen Martin/West Valley View)

Millennium New Power on Westside

The 2001 football campaign, like many before it, proved again that 4A football is not far behind 5A. If behind at all. In the summer all-star game, played last June in Casa Grande, the 4A schools flexed their muscles in a 21-11 win over the 5A schools. Larger-school fans and players got a taste of Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope's talented quarterback/safety/kicker turned professional baseball player.

In his last football game (maybe), Mike returned a fumble for a touchdown, scored on a short run, then intercepted a fourth quarter pass to seal the win. His performance earned him MVP honors, the most recent in a long list of accomplishments. Earlier he was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the third round of the professional baseball draft. He later signed. So much for a football scholarship to UCLA.

But the 4A school's win over its 5A counterparts (the first such format since 1961) was no surprise. In the past

decade, 4A schools have sent every bit as many players into Division I schools - and eventually the National Football League - as the 5A schools. Since 1990, seven Arizona Players of the Year have come from the 4A ranks. Throughout the 2001 regular season, the best football team in Phoenix metro was arguably Scottsdale Saguaro. "Talent-wise there wasn't much difference," compares second-year McClintock coach Dick Baniszewski, who played and coached in 5A competition. "I don't recall many 5A schools with any better, or more physical players, than Saguaro."

And Saguaro didn't reach the 4A finals. Neither did Mike Nixon-led Sunnyslope. So much for good competition. Last fall Saguaro produced three D-I football signees - exactly three more than 5A state champ Red Mountain. The Sabercats graduated the state's best passing quarterback (Kellen Bradley / Arizona State), and the best

interior lineman (Loren Howard / Northwestern). This fall the Scottsdale school, talent-loaded again, has arguably the best lineman (again) in senior Kyle Caldwell, son of former ASU lineman Bryan Caldwell. For the second year in a row the best running back in the Valley could reside on a 4A campus. Last year Tolleson's Marcus Thomas rushed for 2,070 yards and scored 25 touchdowns. In the 100-year-history of Phoenix football, only one other junior gained more.

It's no surprise that the new kid on the block, Millennium High in Goodyear, is a contender already. More college recruiters will soon be hanging out on the westside. Besides the usual strong teams at Agua Fria, Cactus and Tolleson, three new schools have popped up in the past 12 months. East Valley residents bound for summer vacation on the West Coast won't recognize the neighborhood.

And they're all 4A schools.

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

1. Goodyear Millennium (9-3)
2. Tolleson (6-6)
3. Agua Fria (7-4)
4. Buckeye (5-5)
5. Dysart (4-6)
6. Bullhead City Mohave (1-9)

Millennium, with a young lineup, won nine games and lost a gallant quarterfinal stand to Tucson Sunnyside, 21-15. It was a breakout year. But then the Tigers lost their coach when Ron Frank took a job in Texas. Offensive coordinator Chuck Horn takes over, and 17 experienced players return. "The key to our success will be how well our young people fill in at defense," says Horn. "We have to replace most of our front seven." The defending region champs return eight starters on offense, including running backs Taryll Galloway (1,360 yards, 11 TDs) and Chazz Miles (1,030 yards, 16 TDs). Not to be overlooked is quarterback Regan McCarthy (6-2, 165), who completed 147 passes for 1,062 yards and five scores. It marked the first time in state history that one school produced three 1,000-yard juniors. He's backed up by junior Tate Ford (5-10, 175), a three-year starter who plays safety. Galloway had nine 100-yard games, Miles seven. With 4.5 speed, Galloway's longest home run trot was 84 yards. Miles joins Ford, Colin Kelley and Kyle Oreshack in the Tigers' secondary. Alex Waddell, a 6-1, 250-pound tackle, and Brad Hardin, a 6-1, 225-pound linebacker, are three-year letter winners. Taylor Cantu (6-0, 190) returns at center. Millennium will get a good early-season test on Thursday, October 3, in a TV game at Scottsdale Coronado.

South of the I-10 freeway, **Tolleson** has region title hopes of its own. Dan Widmaier's young team wore out in the end, with more two-way players logging time than usual. With 20 returning lettermen that problem should be solved. The Wolverines look fast on both sides of the ball, and possess maybe the best back in the league, senior Marcus Thomas. The 6-1, 185-pound tailback gained 2,070 yards and scored 25 touchdowns. Fast (4.5) and durable, Thomas gained 299 yards on 41 carries and scored three times during a 38-22 loss to Millennium. He gained 274 yards against Dysart, 260 against Tempe and 203 vs Mohave. Quarterback Mark Spradlin (6-2, 210), the Wolverines' strong safety, passed for 1,000-plus yards. Linebacker Gabino

METRO 4A TOP 20 POLL

1. Millennium Tigers
2. Saguaro Sabercats
3. Chaparral Firebirds
4. Greenway Demons
5. Tolleson Wolverines
6. Agua Fria Owls
7. Moon Valley Rockets
8. McClintock Chargers
9. Coronado Dons
10. Sunrise Mtn. Mustangs
11. Centennial Coyotes
12. Prescott Badgers
13. Tempe Union Buffaloes
14. Cactus Cobras
15. Buckeye Hawks
16. Apollo Hawks
17. Glendale Cardinals
18. Apache Jct. Prospectors
19. Sunnyslope Vikings
20. Thunderbird Chiefs

Hinojosa (5-10, 210) and tackle Levi Brooks (6-4, 225) were all-region picks. Tight end Andrew Gill (6-3, 220) was honorable mention. Travis Ridge, Scott Christensen, Sam Gamez, George Pablo, Will Johnson, Aubrey St. Clair, Carlos Guerrero and kicker Kyle Sparks started at one time or another. Sparks, just a junior, has made 69 extra points so far. "Thomas, Spradlin, Hinojosa and Brooks were two-way starters for us," says Widmaier. "They never left the field. This year some new faces will give these guys a rest." The most impressive newcomer is Jermaine Turner, a 6-4, 240-pound junior who might see duty at fullback.

Agua Fria made its usual playoff trip, and won seven games in the process. The Owls return 22 lettermen, but few starters. Size on the line and good team speed (again) are strong points. Center Steve Ayala (6-2, 298), tackle Drew Hopkins (6-3, 268) and deep back Steve Cruz (5-11, 175) were all-region selections. Ernesto Contreras (6-2, 250), Francisco Del Real (6-0, 215) and Ernie Perez (6-3, 215) add beef to the line. Javier Tewksbury is a quality linebacker.

Junior Brad Goss gets the call at quarterback. "We are an unknown team," says second-year coach Kelly Epley. "But we will be fast."

At **Buckeye**, the Hawks were top-heavy with seniors, so veteran coach Rudy Pacheco has to regroup. Six starters return so all is not bleak. "We lost four games by eight points or less," claims Pacheco. Graduation almost wiped out the running game. Senior Nathan Bolden (6-0, 190) averaged 8.0 yards on only 25 carries. He caught 31 passes (a school record) for 418 yards. This year he'll be switched to quarterback. He also plays in the secondary. Tackle Jake Sanders (6-4, 285), guard Aaron Thomas (5-10, 215), linebacker Landon Young (6-1, 215) and cornerback Jacob Lugo (5-7, 150) all started. Last year, 10 different underclassmen tipped the scales at 200-plus pounds, with Sanders the biggest.

Dysart won four games and competed well in its first year in Class 4A. Two solid defenders, linebacker Tommy Kurth (6-1, 210) and tackle Jeremy Martin (5-10, 240), return. Backs Ryan Price and Jerry Lopez, along with guard Jose Cromer, earned honorable mention all-region votes. Kurth and Martin were second team picks. Junior Paul Martinez (6-1, 205) is the Demons' quarterback. He also plays linebacker. "We showed signs of improvement," claims head coach Robin Sexton. "But we still need to do much better in region play."

WEST VALLEY NOTEBOOK

Historically, the premier program in this region belongs to Agua Fria, which originally played 6-man football under the name Litchfield Park High. Only Agua Fria and Buckeye have won state championships. **COACHING:** The veteran here is long-time mentor Rudy Pacheco, current Buckeye coach who led Glendale Apollo to the 1985 finals against Phoenix St. Mary's. **TRIVIA:** Buckeye, nicknamed the Hawks, was originally the Wildcats, but was forced to change its mascot by the University of Arizona, who claimed all rights to the mascot name Wildcats. **RECENT PROS:** Agua Fria alum Randall McDaniel (Minnesota/Tampa Bay) is the most recent NFL alum from this school. Other great Owls include former Green Bay guard Bill Lueck, and Washington Redskin linebacker Rusty Tillman.

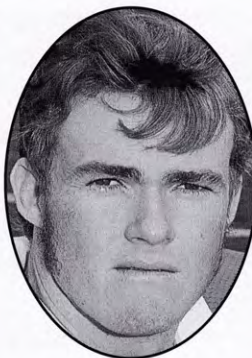
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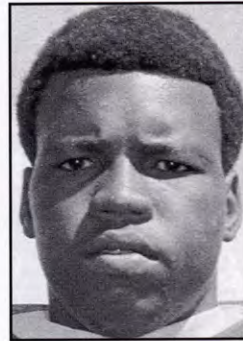
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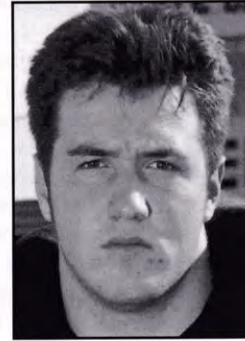
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Saguaro

HONORING ARIZONA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL LINEMAN

2001 Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2000 Richie Incognito, Glendale Mountain Ridge (OT)
1999 Josh Kirkwood, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1998 Brandon Phillips, Tempe Corona del Sol (OT)
1997 Mike Saffer, Tucson Sabino (OT)
1996 (TIE) Ralph Zarate, Tucson (OT)
..... Brian Kula, Phoenix Brophy Prep (DL)
1995 Chris Watkins, Gilbert Highland (DL)
1994 Matt Griffith, Mesa (NG)
1993 Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)
1992 John Tait, Tempe McClintock (OT)
1991 Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)
1990 Grady Stretz, Tempe McClintock (DL)
1989 Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
1988 Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987 Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
1986 Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
1985 Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (T)
1984 Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1980 Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
1979 Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
1978 Doug Kellermeier, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1975 Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
1974 Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)

1973 Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
1972 Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)
1971 Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969 Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968 Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
1967 Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
1965 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
1964 Richard Griffin, Mesa Westwood (OT)
1963 Curley Culp, Yuma (MG)
1962 (TIE) Gary Swift, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
..... Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
1961 Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
1959 Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)
1958 Stacey Ostland, South Mountain (C)
1957 Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)
1956 John Vucichevich, Miami (C)
1955 Sumner Smith, Phoenix Union (T)
1954 Al Carr, Phoenix Union (G)
1953 Dick Nordmeyer, Tucson (DT)

BRIAN MURRAY, a 1972 Salpointe H.S. grad, was a three-year starter at Arizona, and projected as a high NFL draft pick, but was killed in a fall at Redington Pass, between the Catalina and Rincon mountains, in 1977.

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Winless two years ago, **Mohave** finally got one and should improve on that. Trips to Bullhead City might be a little tougher this year. "We were much improved, despite our record," claims Mark Ruckle. "Everybody's looking forward to this year." The Thunderbirds will hang their hat on several key players, including running back Tristan Green (5-10, 185), one of the best in the region, plus deep back Jared Wentzleff, nose guard Erryn Fields, linebacker Eric Burt, center Jacob Fowles and punter Luis Rodriguez. Chris Johnson, the biggest T'bird in camp, is a 288-pound two-way tackle.

4A EAST SKY REGION

1. Scottsdale Saguaro (12-1)
2. Scottsdale Chaparral (7-4)
3. Scottsdale Coronado (6-5)
4. Tempe Union (9-4)
5. Apache Junction (4-6)
6. Scottsdale Arcadia (2-8)

It was close but no cigar for **Saguaro**. The Sabercats, top-ranked

EAST SKY NOTEBOOK

Excluding Chaparral and AJ, these schools have taken enrollment hits in recent years. Coronado, with 1,279 students last year, reportedly had 3,000-plus in 1976, the year the Dons won the 5A state championship. Arcadia, with five consecutive losing seasons, produced two nationally-ranked teams in the 1960s. **COACHING:** Chaparral's Ron Estabrook has won 80% of his games, best winning percentage ever in Scottsdale. District athletic director Joe Corte won over 100 games (142) at Scottsdale and Coronado, most ever in the city.

TRIVIA: Tempe's 42-35 win over Cactus in the 2001 quarterfinals was the Buffaloes' 400th win. THS is 400-306-27 since 1924. New Buff coach Mark Rhiner is a Tempe alum. **COLLEGE STARS:** Current ASU receiver/kick returner Justin Taplin was the 1996 state player of the year at Tempe. **RECENT PROS:** Saguaro leads this parade with defensive back Mike Brown (Chicago), tight end Jeremy Brigham (Oakland) and center Dale Hellestra (Dallas). Tempe halfback Darnell Autry (Philadelphia) was fourth in the 1995 Heisman Trophy balloting at Northwestern as a sophomore, when he rushed for 100-plus yards in every contest.

Tempe back sprints for 409 yards

Last year Tempe High's Maurice Smith, a 5-foot, 5-inch, 155-pound tailback, rushed for 409 yards during a 34-19 win over Coronado, the most ever by a Phoenix area back. The state's all-time best single game rushing leaders:

| Yards / Player / School / Opponent | Classification |
|--|----------------|
| 469 - Stanley Jackson, Chinle vs Red Mesa, 1976 | 2A |
| 426 - Aaron Craig, Window Rock vs Tuba City, 1993 | 3A |
| 409 - Maurice Smith, Tempe vs Coronado, 2001 | 4A |
| 403 - Joey Capps, Mohave vs Flagstaff coconino, 1993 | 4A |
| 402 - Burton Belton, Winslow vs Prescott, 1958 (jr) | 3A |
| 388 - Kyran Jones, Peoria vs Paradise Valley, 1966 (jr) | 4A |
| 385 - Mike Montgomery, River Valley vs Dysart, 200 (jr) | 3A |
| 383 - Nathan Wize, Tucson Sabino vs Mountain View, 1997 | 4A |
| 381 - Alvin Leon, Baboquivari vs Clifton, 1977 | 2A |
| 376 - Cippy Correa, Antelope vs St. Johns Indians, 1973 | 2A |
| 367 - Terrell Suggs, Chandler Hamilton vs Yuma Kofa, 1999 | 5A |
| 361 - Jabari Felton-Smith, Orme School vs Mayer, 2000 | 2A |
| 358 - Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria vs Phoenix Carl Hayden, 1982 | 5A |
| 354 - Maurice Smith, Tempe vs Scottsdale Arcadia, 2001 | 4A |
| 353 - Brian Galbreath, Phoenix Cortez vs Arcadia, 1991 | 4A |
| 352 - Joel Huerta, Scottsdale Coronado vs Goldwater, 1995 (so) | 4A |
| 347 - Nathan Wize, Tucson Sabino vs Douglas, 1997 | 4A |
| 344 - Brian Pringle, Phoenix Sunnyslope vs Prescott, 1970 | 5A |
| 343 - Russell Trejo, Casa Grande vs Scottsdale Chaparral, 1994 | 4A |
| 342 - Nathan Wize, Tucson Sabino vs Tucson Sahuaro, 1997 | 4A |
| 341 - Daryl Lightfoot, Maryvale vs Paradise Valley, 1999 (jr) | 4A |

most of last season, saw their dream of a state ticket go up in smoke in the semifinals. In a rematch from an early-season clash, Tucson Sunnyside knocked them out 23-21, in one of the great upsets in Arizona 4A playoff history. However, at least half-a-dozen of the top players in the region wear Saguaro's black & gold again. In 6-3, 273-pound defensive end/fullback Kyle Caldwell, head coach Stuart Goldstein has one of the top prospects in the Valley. He's the son for former A-State star Bryan Caldwell, like his son a terrific defensive end. When called upon he averaged 7.2 yards on 49 carries. "We're sure going to miss him when he graduates," says his head coach. "He's a great leader." Tailback Chaz Bennett (6-1, 185) gained 638 yards on 94 carries and scored six times. He averaged 16.7 yards on 12 catches coming out of the backfield. Tight end Hunter Sims (6-3, 220) caught 18 passes for 264 yards and four scores. These guys were part of a region-leading offense which totaled 5,251 yards, best in the school's history. Defensively, the 'Cats look tough again, with Caldwell, all-region linebacker Christian Serena (6-1, 220), tackles Ryan Vroom (6-1, 245) and Davin Garrett (6-5, 265), along with safety Casey Swift (6-1, 185). Tackles Zach Ward (6-4, 240) and

Rob Krummel (6-0, 220) contributed. "We'd sure like to make up for last year," adds Goldstein, who returns 21 players off that near-perfect club. The Cats' JV unit was unbeaten, and that's bad news for East Sky foes also.

Graduation took a toll on **Chaparral's** line, but Ron Estabrook returns a good collection of skill players. Last year the Firebirds, two-time defending state champs, saw their 28-game win streak halted in their opener with Sunnyslope. Over 20 players return, including a strong, talented junior class. Junior Darren Mougey (6-4, 210), an excellent safety, takes over at quarterback. He's a good athlete so that might work. Junior receiver John Peel (6-1, 175) averaged 20.2 yards per catch. He caught six passes for a school record 161 yards in a 24-0 win over state finalist Greenway. During a 54-14 rout of Apache Junction, linebacker Mac Brown went 97-yards with a pass interception. Juniors Kam Kranz, Brian Vifquain, Eric Singh and Dustin Kleven help paint a bright future for CHS football. Still, seniors like Mac and Rin Brown, Kevin and Carson Kelly, along with Pat Sandor, Ian Tharp and Udemo Udofia need to step to the plate. Young Ekom Udofia, a 6-1, 220-pound sophomore, is a promising

Statewide poll picks:

A preseason look at the top teams in Arizona in each class, based on coaches' reports and returning players:

5A - Chandler Hamilton

Twelve starters from state finalist, a sleeper at quarterback, plus a bigger, faster, stronger defense makes the Huskies tough again.

4A - Goodyear Millennium

Running backs Taryll Galloway and Chazz Miles join 17 lettermen from up-and-coming power which lost to Tucson Sunnyside 21-15 in quarterfinals.

3A - Lakeside Blue Ridge

Best small-school program in state won 63-straight recently, and 101 of last 103 games. Yellowjackets enter '02 campaign with 26-game win streak.

2A - Northwest Community Christian

Crusaders aerial circus, with Ryan Hoffner throwing to Drew Bohannon, is best in Arizona's "small school" ranks.

1A - St. David

Eight-man football hangs on by a thread, but the most dominating program in recent years rolls along with a 20-game winning slate.

two-way player.

Young **Coronado** lost a 38-30 play-off contest to rival Saguaro, sending the Dons home with a 6-5 finish. Not bad for a team with 20 underclassmen playing almost every game. Coach B.J. Pasquel hopes to see his team go deeper into the playoffs with halfbacks Grady Smith and Brett Anderson, linebacker Brett Babcock, tackle Adam McMahon and quarterback Louis Marson playing key roles. Smith gained 1,423 yards on 200 carries and scored 15 touchdowns. He rushed for 290 yards on 29 carries and scored four TDs against Arcadia; 207 yards on 17 carries and four scores vs Apache Junction. In 10 games Marson completed 81 passes for 1,153 yards and 10 scores. He's only a junior. At one time or another, as many as 15 underclassmen were on the field.

Tempe graduate Mark Rhiner, offensive coordinator at Mesquite the past two years, replaces Tim McBurney, who left to head the new program at Chandler Basha. Rhiner, like McBurney a Tempe alum, returns eight starters from the line, but few skill players. Two-way tackle Nick Uihia (6-4, 325), defensive ends Zarin Sells (6-4, 215) and Charles Cobbs (6-2, 220), guard Nick Arreola (5-11, 195), tight end Tye Meinen (6-0, 175), linebacker Tony Cuevas (5-10, 175), defen-

sive back Rick Molina (5-10, 170) and tackle Ellery Tarazon (6-2, 190) started in the Buffaloes' 20-13 semifinal loss to Greenway. Erik Ehasz could get the call at quarterback. He and classmate Jarod Carroll are the Buffs' safeties.

It's a numbers game and **Apache Junction** is headed in the right direction. Coach Steve Neal welcomes the biggest senior class in years, plus several key players from a vastly improved offense. It's the defense which needs fixing. Quarterback Pat McNamara (6-0, 190) is the main guy. Last year he completed 183 of 311 passes (59%) for 1,888 yards and nine touchdowns. But he threw 20 interceptions. That needs to improve. He carried the ball for 280 net yards. Miniback Nick Neece (5-7, 145) gained 507 yards and scored five TDs. He and tackle Anthony Donlin (6-2, 280) were all-region second team selections. D.J. Boe, Richie Tabor and Luke Loya are key returning players who should help shore up a defense which gave up 383 points in 10 games.

At **Arcadia**, quarterback Jimmy Bevell appears to be the lone bright spot in a program which has hit the skids. Last year he completed 101 of 180 passes for 1,340 yards, 15 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. The Titans have won just 10 games in the last five years.

4A DESERT SKY REGION

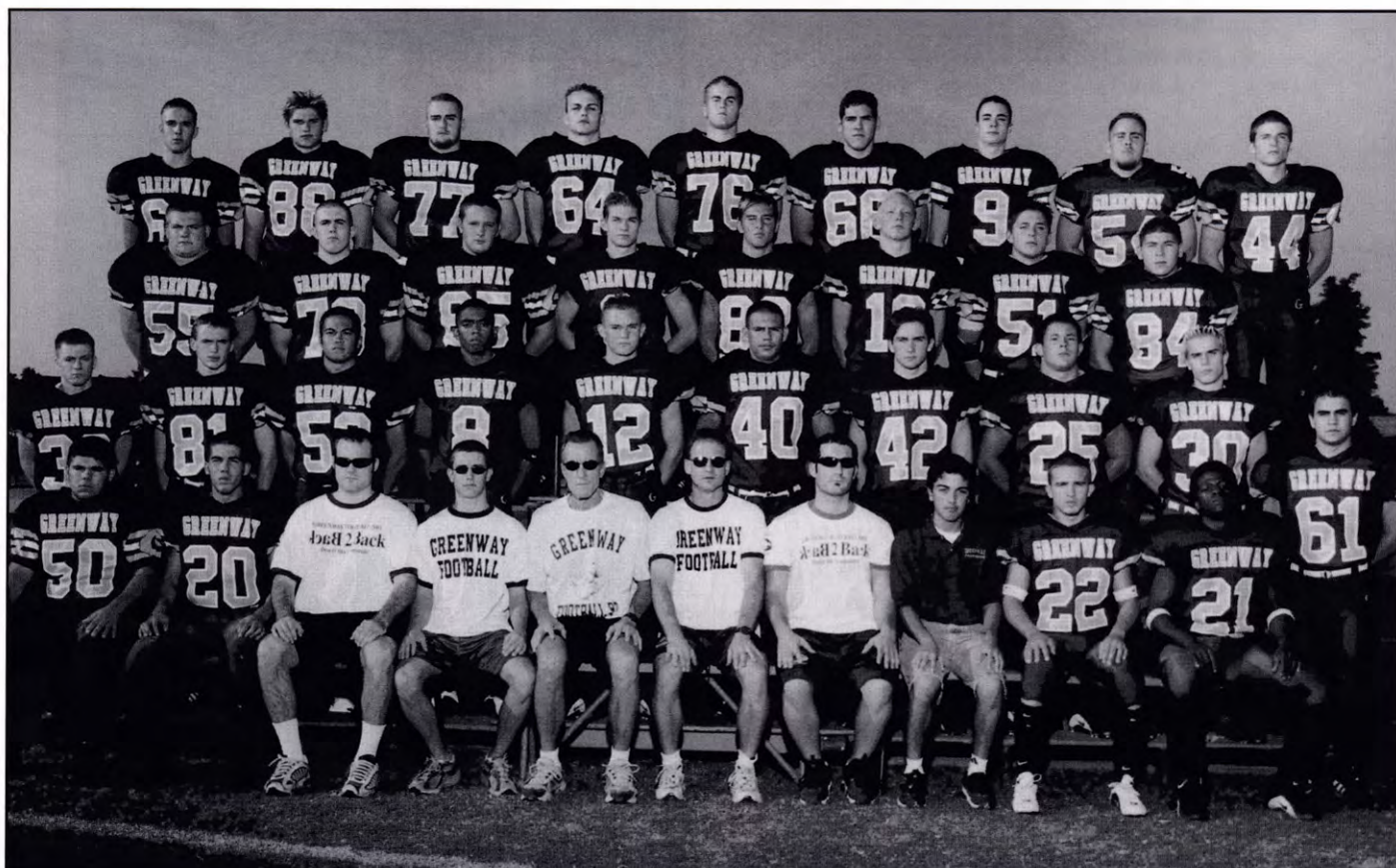
1. Phoenix Greenway (11-3)
2. Glendale Apollo (5-5)
3. Lake Havasu (4-6)
4. Cactus Shadows (3-7)
5. Glendale Independence (1-9)
6. Phoenix Cortez (1-9)

Two season's ago seven sophomores broke into the varsity lineup at **Greenway**, and that talented group has made an impact. Quarterback David Henry (6-0, 165), tailback Brandon Halverson (5-9, 150), defensive back Sean Laidlaw (6-0, 170), center Josh Zierten (6-3, 210) and tight end Drew Martinez (5-11, 210) survived and are ready to make their senior campaign the best. That won't be easy. You can't get much better than last year, when Mike Brown's surprising forces reached the 4A finals. Tucson Sunnyside left them back & blue, 28-6. Henry is the key. A tough player (he plays safety and handles the Demons' kicking game). Last year he completed 95 of 203 passes for 1,747 yards and 18 touchdowns. He threw 12 interceptions. He gained 360 net yards rushing and scored an additional four TDs. During a 38-37 overtime win over Chaparral, he ran for two scores and threw one. Halverson, who also plays defense, rushed for 784 yards and scored six touchdowns. All-region tackle Ryan Anderson (6-4, 240) gives stability to a green line. Wideout Steve Hoffman, tackle Jeremy Polk, guard George Chekmeyan and safety Dustyn Contreras started at one time or another. "We should be good again," says Brown, who may win his 100th game this year. "We had a great run last year. But we didn't show up to play in the big one."

At **Apollo**, Ed Barnes returns a veteran backfield on both sides of the ball. The running game will be a driving force behind the Hawks' success. All-region back Toussaint Zolnierz (5-8, 165, 4.5), a good kick returner, Jayson Gaines, Jeremy Croomes and Ernie Solares will share the honors. Quarterback Nate Borques has the arm strength to do some damage. Up front, guard Sam Valdivia is the only returner. Sophomores Jayson Johnson (6-6, 260) and Justin Elzy (6-6, 330) look the part, but have little experience. Juniors Chris Meyers and Brad Webb played some. The return of three-year starter Shane Keffer (6-0, 185) at tight end will help Apollo's passing game. Linebacker Justin Vogel and guard Gil Drew will anchor the defense. "We need to win a few more region games and



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 1995 Keith Brown, Mountain Pointe, RB
 1994 Skeeter Brown, Mountain Pointe, RB
 1993 Darnell Autry, Tempe, RB/DB
 1992 Kenny Wheaton, McClintock, DB
 1991 Armon Williams, Valley Christian, QB/DB
 1990 Andrew McCormick, McClintock, RB/DB
 1989 Brian Drew, McClintock, RB/RS
 1988 Dan-iel Taplin, Tempe, TE/DE (jr.)
 1987 Bart James, McClintock, DB/K
 1986 Willy Lira, Marcos de Niza, QB
 1985 Cleveland Colter, McClintock, WR/DB
 1984 Rich Groppenbacher, McClintock, WR
 1983 John Walker, Marcos de Niza, QB
 1982 Shawn Patterson, McClintock, T
 1981 Glenn Dennard, Corona del Sol, WR
 1980 Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
 1979 Arthur Reeves, Marcos de Niza, RB
 1978 Matt Palacio, McClintock, LB
 1977 David Hinds, McClintock, RB
 1976 Andy Arrendondo, McClintock, RB
 1975 Ronnie Washington, McClintock, WR
 1974 Jimmy Moore, Marcos de Niza, TE



Arizona State-bound Randy Hill rushed for 2,330 yards and scored 36 touchdowns.



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compete better with Greenway in order to make the playoffs," insists Barnes.

Gerry LaBelle is hoping the experience gained by last year's underclassmen will reap dividends at **Cactus**

Shadows. "We scored a lot of points, but we gave up a lot more," says LaBelle, who is one win shy of 100 at the Cave Creek school. "Our defense was porous." The Falcons return three defensive backs, two linebackers and one full-time tackle. That player, 6-1, 230-pound senior Brandon Reeves, was a first team all-region pick. Chris Clarke will be called upon at quarterback. Jason Albera might play there too. Jared Smith, Casey Norris, Craig Cilliberti, Devin Steward and Max Besong will be counted on to improve the defense.

Kelley Moore, last year's Class 2A Coach of the Year at Morenci, takes over the struggling **Independence** program. He'll be the third Patriot head coach in three years. On both sides of the ball, Moore will have one key player to build with. Tight end Sam Pena (6-0, 195) and linebacker Isaac Reaves (6-1, 185) are probably the best players on campus. Both made first team all-region. No other Patriots even received votes. Linemen like Derick Feuti (6-2, 275) and Fernando DeLa Torre (5-10, 240) supply the beef. But with only 12 returning players, depth is a major concern. Only 23 players played varsity ball.

It doesn't look good at **Cortez** either. Brian Galbreath takes over a program which won only two games between the

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What's in a name? That's a question the late Morrison Warren spent his whole life answering. Warren, who died last April at age 78 from complications following a stroke, saw more than his share of name changes.

He got his start at the Phoenix Colored School during the Great Depression. In those days, black students raised in Phoenix were not allowed to attend the city's pride and joy, Phoenix Union High School. The Colored School, located south of downtown on Grant Street, played an independent schedule in most sports, except track & field. The Monarchs, with their speed and skill, dominated that sport, winning five "small school" state championships between 1936 and 1942.

But by the end of World War II the Monarchs had a name change: George Washington Carver High. By then Warren was attending the up-and-coming college in Tempe, the Arizona State College Bulldogs. He joined the football team in 1946, becoming the second black player at the school. The first was teammate George Diggs. Warren played on the last ASC team to be called Bulldogs, and the first to be nicknamed Sun Devils.

Yes, Warren saw it all.

A former president of the Fiesta Bowl, Warren played in the same college backfield in 1947 with Mesa freshman Wilford "Whizzer" White. "He was a great guy and a great person," said White, when hearing of Warren's passing. Nicknamed "Dit," Warren and Diggs often faced racial discrimination during Border Conference contests, where "Jim Crow" laws in Texas prohibited blacks from staying in hotels with whites.

But when ASU refused to schedule teams who wouldn't allow every visiting player - no matter what color - to stay in the same hotel, things started to change for the better.

Warren, a retired professor at Arizona State, at one time was principal at Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Phoenix.



Warren got his start at Carver High, originally named The Phoenix Colored School.

DESERT SKY NOTEBOOK

For whatever reasons, coaching changes have wrecked havoc in this once stable region. In the past five years, the six member schools have had 13 different head coaches. Only Greenway reached the playoffs last year.

COACHING: Cactus Shadows mentor Gerry LaBelle is one win shy of 100 at the school. Greenway's Mike Brown is close behind. **TRIVIA:** Last year Greenway became the fifth school from the Glendale Union School District to play in the state 4A/5A finals. Sunnyslope (1970), Washington (1977), Moon Valley (1982/1986) and Apollo (1985) reached title games. **RECENT PROS:** San Francisco 49er tackle Frank Pollack (Greenway), San Diego Charger cornerback Brian Davis (Cortez).

varsity and JV teams. The sophomores' record was understandable, since 11 players were called up to the depleted varsity. One ray of hope is at linebacker, where the Colts have one of the best players in the league, 6-2, 190-pound junior Jerode Golden. He plays tight end on offense too.

4A SKYLINE REGION

1. Phoenix Moon Valley (5-5)
2. Tempe McClintock (8-4)
3. Glendale (2-8)
4. Phoenix Sunnyslope (11-1)
5. Phoenix Thunderbird (6-4)
6. Phoenix Washington (2-8)

Look for **Moon Valley** to get after it. As young as the Rockets appear, Roger Britson has a playoff contender with size, speed and talent. "We lost

three games in the last 10 seconds," says Britson, whose club missed the playoffs by one game. "We were close to getting over the hump." Defensive back Solomon Smart (6-0, 180), wide-out Chris Hosmer (6-5, 180) and quarterback Gabe Eliserio (6-0, 175) are three of the better seniors. Smart, with 4.5 speed, is a highly rated defender. Eliserio threw well in summer passing league games. Running back Joe Strayhand (6-0, 180), along with Smart, was a member of the Rockets' speedy (42.5) 400-meter relay team. Just a junior, Strayhand joins linebacker Andrew Pettas (6-5, 235), along with linemen Tom Gagliardi (6-5, 295), Joe Montoya (6-2, 310), Pete Wahlstrom (6-1, 240), Thomas Liaga (6-2, 315), Nick Spreir (6-4, 260) and Vince Rosato (6-3, 255) to give MV

SKYLINE REGION NOTEBOOK

A vastly improved Glendale team makes this region - from top to bottom - look solid. Moon Valley will suit up the biggest junior class in the city, with three 300-pounders. **COACHING:**

During its first 24 years of varsity football, Moon Valley had the same head coach, Earl "Tiny" Putman. Current Washington coach Steve Chisman is three wins shy of 100. **TRIVIA:** In 73 years of football, Glendale has produced just one undefeated team. In 1943, the state champs (9-0) were coached by Arizona Hall of Famer Edgar "Mutt" Ford.

RECENT PROS: McClintock leads the charge with Anthony Parker (Minnesota), Shaun Patterson (Green Bay), Jason Kyle (Seattle), Kenny Wheaton (Dallas) and John Tait (Kansas City); followed by Thunderbird guard Todd Kalis (Minnesota), Washington quarterback Mike Pagel (Cleveland), and Moon Valley quarterback Travis Brown (Buffalo).

one of the biggest and deepest junior classes around. In April, the coaches took 30 players to the National High School Power Lifting Championships in Oklahoma City, and won it.

In its first year of 4A competition, **McClintock** played 12 games. Scottsdale Saguario sent the Chargers home early with a 35-7 licking in the quarterfinals. Graduation took a toll. Biggest loss was tailback Randy Hill, who took his 2,330 yards and 36 touchdowns over to Arizona State. Although thin, a young, enthusiastic class returns, with two-way end Rotimmi Gipson (6-2, 225) and linebacker/fullback Brian Nohren (5-10, 185) head of the class. Both were all-Skyline picks. Safety Blake Davis (5-10, 165) was honorable mention. Quarterback/safety Brad Heet (6-1, 190) looked good in the summer. He's a good athlete. During a 77-14 win over Apache Junction he kicked nine extra points. Defensively, with Gipson and end Darryl Kennon (6-3, 228) in the lineup, the flanks are covered. The rest of the starters, Josh Haden, Matt Victory, Jason Henry, Rudy Fleming, Tanner Austin, Travis Kaahanui and Travis Miner, lack size but not heart.

A vastly improved **Glendale** team creeps closer to the playoffs. Still, it's a numbers game and head coach Mark



ROTIMMI GIPSON
McClintock



DAVID HENRY
Greenway

Smith hopes it picks up. Although the Cardinals won two come-from-behind games, the defense gave up 346 points. More points are in store with the return of QB Andrew Maya (6-1, 185) and tailback Jerry Vaughn (5-10, 183). Vaughn, who also plays safety, is the key. He's a strong, durable runner. He carried the ball 40 times in the Cactus Shadows game, a 23-20 Cardinal win, and 40 against Cortez. Vaughn, linebacker Shane Mackelprang (6-0, 174) and guard Frank Luevano (6-2, 240) earned post season acclaim. "With seven starters back on offense and eight on defense, experience is our best ally," claims Smith.

Sunnyslope's trip through the playoffs ended in a double-overtime loss to Phoenix Greenway, ending the season and career of four-year varsity star Mike Nixon. The state player of the year, who later signed with both UCLA and the Los Angeles Dodgers, gave it a gallant effort, but the Vikings fell three points short. Graduation all but cleaned out the locker room, as only four letter winners return. "We may take our lumps early, but our goal is to improve each week," says Dallas Hickman, who lost 24 seniors. "It will be a challenge." One player with experience is fullback/linebacker Ron Gosch (6-1, 205), a second team all-league selection. He's a good one. Gosch, Dan Matock, Steve Chad, Pat Harris and Matt Laire head a thin senior class. Dan Coffinger and Tyler Petersen will compete at quarterback. Zach Henderson, Andrew Johnston, Adrian Rocha, Jared Stuart, Roy Miller and Jorge Pina are juniors.

Close losses to Tempe and Moon Valley kept **Thunderbird** out of the playoffs. The defense recorded three shutouts and that could continue. Up from the sophomore ranks comes an unbeaten JV unit. Coach Gary Mauldin's varsity will be young, but fast. Running backs John Roush (6-1, 195), Mike Jana (5-10, 150) and Scott Jones (6-0, 150)

have breakaway potential. But the quarterback job is up for grabs, with Brian Lowry and junior Bryan Wagner early leaders. Both lines are young and may rely on sophomores. That's not good news. Defensive end Anthony Arteca is a good run-stopper.

Last year **Washington** started five sophomores in a region dominated by senior talent. The results were predictable. Both the senior class and the defense look stronger. Defensive back Mike Giboney, and linebackers Cassidy and Cody Aschebrock were honorable mention all-Skyline selections. Senior lineman Garrison Sinclair is a good two-way performer. Mike Diamond, Gary Turner, Luis Montes and Kyle Petrovich are juniors who should start.

4A WELLS FARGO REGION

1. Sunrise Mountain (2-8)
2. Peoria Centennial (6-4)
3. Prescott (7-4)
4. Glendale Cactus (10-2)
5. Bradshaw Mountain (6-4)
6. Phoenix Pinnacle (1-9)

Look for **Sunrise Mountain** to bounce back into the playoff picture. Three seasons ago the Mustangs played one dozen games. Defense, with eight starters, is the strength. Casey Raptis (6-0, 210), Mike Chavez (6-0, 200), Ryan Stradleigh (6-2, 225), Justin Hedgecock (6-0, 190) and Marcus Beltramo (6-0, 200) give Sunrise the best crop of linebackers in the region. All but Raptis are seniors. Linemen Mike Robbins, Sean Heck, Sean Rosen and Shawn Parker form a solid front wall. Five players return on offense. Coach Jim Davis has quarterback Tommy McDonald and center Curtis Anderson to build around. McDonald is a junior. The Mustangs get a big early-season test. Their opener is on the road, against defending state champ Tucson Sunnyside.

A young, speedy team greets Richard Taylor at **Centennial**. But the strength of this unit is in the line. With senior Mikal Brewer (6-4, 275), the Coyotes have the best two-way tackle in the region. He's a good college prospect. The other tackle, senior Zac Nielsen (6-4, 260), is no slouch. Bill Edelman (6-1, 225) looks like the best lineman in the junior class. Cornerback Eddie Porto (5-9, 160, 4.5) was an all-region selection. Tailback Tensley Dickens (6-0, 200), who doubles at safety, carried the ball just 24 times, but averaged 9.0 yards



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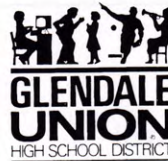
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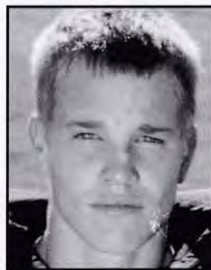
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per carry. Wideout Josh Fleck caught 13 passes for 11.9 yards per grab. "Our kids played hard and were in every game," says Taylor, whose team missed the playoffs by one game.

Successful and consistent. That's been **Prescott** for the past two years. Lou Beneitone's Badgers posted back-to-back 7-4 playoff seasons. In the first round of the tournament, Prescott went down with a fight. Tucson Sunnyside beat them in a 42-35 thriller. "It was disappointing, making the playoffs each year and losing the first game," says Beneitone. "But it has motivated our younger players." The Badgers graduated the best athlete in the league, and one of the best in the state. Super All-State safety Jason Pride picked up his diploma and signed a professional baseball contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He'll be hard to replace. But the return of junior quarterback Chris Parker (6-0, 170) is a plus. In eight games he threw for 1,450 yards and 14 touchdowns. He's also a good punter. Running backs Joe Martz, Will Punttenney, Cole Bewley and Brandon Franklin form a solid backfield. Returning linemen Brian Hualde, Brian Hill, Stefan Stobbs and Andrew Jonovich will help on both sides of the ball. Senior Danny Huck doubles at wideout/defensive back.

Graduation all but wiped out the varsity lineup at **Cactus**, where the Cobras won 10 games and reached the quarterfinals. Tempe sent them packing with a



GRADY SMITH
Coronado



KYLE CALDWELL
Saguaro

42-35 defeat. Only four starters return, led by senior tackle Seth Baker (6-5, 295), the next in a long line of good Cobra linemen. Center Thomas Christner (6-1, 243) also saw playing time. In the backfield, two good runners return. Senior Matt Koehler (5-11, 185) and junior Nigel Ricks (5-11, 170) make the running game click. They might be the best one-two punch in the league. Still, with so few starters returning, the Cobras' run of consistent playoff appearances might come to a halt.

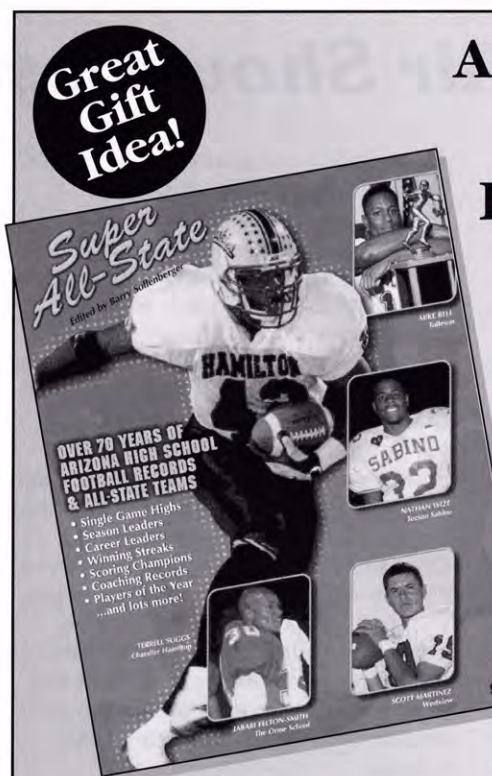
After winning six games in the previous three years, **Bradshaw Mountain** won six last fall and almost made the

playoffs. The success of Mike McMahon's squad this year depends upon the line play. His Bears look well stocked at the skill positions. Clayton Spedding, a 6-5, 220-pound two-way end, is the most impressive looking player in camp. Backs Reno Paccioni, Scott Rudolph, Chris Fessler, Cory Thomas, Tom Stivason and Taylor Schnepf will score some points. Joe Harrington and Nick Trevillian need to take care of the interior line.

It's first full senior class should give **Pinnacle** an added boost, and it might show in the won-loss column. Still, Jim Hepting will rely upon underclassmen to give the Pioneers' much needed depth. Running back Evan Boardman (5-8, 175), a good return man, joins line-backer Matt Russo (5-10, 190), tackle Chad Endfield (6-0, 245), center Steve Danner (5-10, 215) and wideout Brett Smith (6-1, 175) for one more varsity season. Junior quarterback Trent Walker (6-2, 195) is a two-year varsity starter. Juniors like tackle Ben Muth (6-4, 237), linebacker Sean Spellman (5-10, 205) and safety Ryan Pullinsi (5-10, 180) need to help shore up a defense which yielded 33.5 points per game.

WELLS FARGO NOTEBOOK

Prescott, the granddaddy of the league, and Pinnacle, the baby, started varsity football almost 100 years apart. Prescott played its first contest in 1908, the Pioneers in 2000. Since Cactus opened varsity play 25 years ago, the Cobras have won 70% of their games. **TRIVIA:** Prescott all-state safety Jason Pride, the '02 state baseball player of the year, was a third round draft pick by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. **RECENT PROS:** Cactus holds the edge in this young league with graduates Ryan Christopherson, a former fullback with the Carolina Panthers, and recent ASU lineman Kyle Kosier, a 7th round pick of the San Francisco 49ers.



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**SMALL
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Coolidge defenders Joey Shaw (24) and Devin Rutledge (70), trying to bring down Blue Ridge's Adam Moro, found out what everybody already knew: Blue Ridge is a pain in the butt. Yellowjackets 58, Coolidge 8 (Steve Paynter photo)

NWCC Air Show Best Around

Not too long ago, a Phoenix Christian quarterback named Tim Rattay opened some eyes with a 40-touchdown, 2,646-yard passing season. He took those stats to Scottsdale Community College, then Louisiana Tech, where he broke more records than Elvis Presley. Today he's a backup quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers.

Arizona's small school ranks, Classes 3A/2A/1A, have produced more than their share of quality players, excellent coaches, college football prospects, and even pro stars. This year should be no different. Last fall, 2A Metro champ Valley Christian produced two D-I players, receiver/defensive back Quinton McCoy (Michigan), who was hurt during the playoffs, and tackle Jason Voss (Utah), a state shot put and discus champion.

Last fall Northwest Community Christian, located in north Phoenix, aired it out during a 7-4 campaign which saw the Crusaders reach the 2A playoffs, only to fall to a strong St.

Johns club in the quarterfinals. Here's betting NWCC will go farther. Especially with quarterback Ryan Hoffner and wide receiver Drew Bohannon still in pads. These two alone accounted for 2,297 yards and 39 touchdowns.

But the single best skill player in the 2A Metro is Bourgade Catholic tailback Quinton Bellamy (see cover), a three-year starter who has played half the positions on the field. In Bellamy, veteran coach Pat Lavin has a real home run threat. He was the Metro Region's Offensive Player of the Year as a junior.

If an all-time Arizona 2A squad was selected, 75% of the club would be players who later played in the National Football League, or the CFL. And this from schools with enrollment figures smaller than senior classes at Mesa schools.

2A METRO REGION

1. Northwest Christian (7-4)
2. Bourgade Catholic (6-5)

3. Valley Christian (9-2)
4. Phoenix Christian (11-3)
5. Arizona Lutheran (4-5)
6. Scottsdale Christian (1-7-1)
7. Valley Lutheran (1-7)

There's no doubt which team has the best small school passing attack in town. At **Northwest Community Christian**, 29 players from a high scoring playoff team return, including all-state signal caller Ryan Hoffner (6-3, 175), and wideout Drew Bohannon (5-11, 170). Only eight seniors lettered. With 4.5 speed, Bohannon is the quickest player on the Crusaders' roster, and one of the best skill players in the league. Last year he caught 27 passes for 477 yards and 10 touchdowns. He rushed 37 times for 313 more yards and scored six TDs. He also scored on a punt return and a pass interception. Hoffner completed 76 passes for 1,240 yards and 21 scores. Like Hoffner and Bohannon, tackle Cameron Butler (6-3, 255) was an all-region selection - on both sides of the ball.

Linebacker/receiver Matt Haney was honorable mention. Still, linemen like Matt Keith, Alan Moorhead, Dough Seitzberg, Victor Sung and Josh Johnson will be key players. If they get the job done, points will be scored. Johnson is a 240-pound junior. Underclassmen like Steve Harper, Wilson Millard, Tom Priest and Kyle Young should contribute. "Last year was an excellent season for Crusader football," says first-year coach Derek Wahlstrom, a former player at NWCC. "We were in every game. We believe we can make a dent in the playoffs."

At **Bourgade Catholic**, veteran coach Pat Lavin, slowly but surely, is piecing it together. This might be his best team since arriving four years ago. One thing for sure: Quinton Bellamy is the best back he's had. The 5-11, 195-pound senior, a first-team 2A all-state pick on both sides of the ball (see all-state charts), has all the moves. With 4.6 speed he gained 1,216 yards and scored 17 touchdowns. He gained 212 yards against Scottsdale Christian, 206 yards vs Canyon State Academy. Unfortunately for the Eagles, Bellamy was injured and missed both of the school's playoff games. So did speedy wideout/defensive back Steve Ramirez, who was also banged up. Without them, Bourgade still managed to win its first playoff game in years, 25-14 over Antelope. "We should have a good team if those two stay healthy," says Lavin. "Plus we return our quarterback, who was a sophomore last year." Chase Finney is the QB, and the offense clicks when he's in the game. Besides Ramirez, senior Luis Arias is a capable receiver. Big Josh Gile (6-0, 205) is the tight end. Up front, the Eagles look solid with Josh Johnson (6-1, 240), Vince Canez (6-3, 265), Joe Pappas (5-11, 190) and Mike De La Torre (5-10, 195).

Although two of the best players in the league (Quinton McCoy and Jason Voss) picked up diplomas and headed off to college, **Valley Christian's** cupboard isn't bare. Coach Sean Loomer returns 13 let-termers from a 9-2 club which lost to both injuries and Thatcher in the playoffs. Defensive back Paul Hardiman (5-10, 165) was an all-Metro pick. As a receiver he averaged 16.4 yards per catch. Split end Andrew Majesty (6-4, 180) was the team leader, averaging 19.4 yards on 21 catches. Rufus Tillman (6-2, 225) doubles at fullback/linebacker. He averaged 8.7 yards per carry in a limited role. So did halfback Eric Fraley (6-0, 185), who averaged 31.5 yards punting the ball. Jarod Kredit and Matt Kuiper will have to pull a

lot of weight on the line. Brian Langhoff, a 6-3, 185-pound junior, takes over at quarterback.

A tough, exciting schedule, plus a gifted senior class made for a good season at **Phoenix Christian**. The Cougars, always a contender, climbed all the way to the finals. Thatcher ended their season at 11-3 with a 35-26 thumping. The other losses came against Metro champ Valley Christian, and out-of-state foe Horizon Christian in San Diego. Against Thatcher, seventeen seniors played their last game, including veteran coach Keith Brown, who left to coach at Scottsdale Horizon. In steps Jim Rattay, former head coach at Tempe Desert Vista. Twenty varsity players return, so this cupboard isn't bare either. Defensive end Luke Bevans (6-3, 190) and tackle Brandon Winter (6-3, 265) landed all-Metro second team honors. Bevans can also play quarterback, and Winter can play center. Mike Bias (6-0, 230) is a good two-way lineman. Who knows, but junior Geoff Burns (5-11, 160), another two-way player, might step in at quarterback.

Arizona Lutheran has more depth than usual, plus a solid senior class. If Doug Meyer's crew gets stronger in the offseason, the Coyotes might make a playoff run. Thirteen players return, including two all-region picks: Linebacker Gavin Guzman (6-1, 225) and halfback Andy Schroeder (6-0, 165), who is only a junior. The skill positions are set with the likes of Jake Novy, Reed Chandler, Jeff Schad and Jordan Washington. But to compete for a league crown, linemen like Jason Salzwedel, Jon Rakos, Brent Knudsen and Nathan Caulk need to turn it up a notch.

Improvement is the battle cry at **Scottsdale Christian Academy**. Second-year coach Larry Bandura started 11 freshmen and sophomores, and the result was a one-win season. "We had a lot of players get valuable playing time," says Bandura. "We're still young, but we're getting bigger and stronger." Still, for the Eagles to improve, the senior class needs to step forward. With Joseph Herrod (6-2, 200) in the lineup, SCA has the best tight end in the league. Another senior, quarterback John Gaynor (5-11, 160), is the key to the offense. Running backs Mike Wong and Brian Spencer, along with receiver Jeremiah Winship, have one more year to prove their worth. Junior John Mattney (5-11, 215) starts at center.

Valley Lutheran has nowhere to go but up. The Flames, winners of one game

2A METRO NOTEBOOK

Since 1984, schools from this region have played in eight state championship games. Phoenix Christian is the oldest football-playing school in the region, Valley Lutheran the youngest. The Cougars first played varsity ball in 1955, VL in 1999. The Cougars, coached at the time by Les Finger, were mythical 2A state champs in 1959 at 9-0. **COACHING:** With the arrival of Jim Rattay at PC, the region has a 200-game winner for the first time. Rattay-coached teams are 202-53-4 in Ohio and Arizona. **TRIVIA:** When current Bourgade mentor Pat Lavin coached at Agua Fria (1980-82), his star pupil was recent 14-year NFL veteran Randall McDaniel, an all-pro guard with the Minnesota Vikings. **COLLEGE STARS:** Washington State sophomore running back Jimmy Wilson was an all-state pick at Phoenix Christian. **RECENT PROS:** San Francisco 49er quarterback Tim Rattay (Phoenix Christian), and Tennessee Titan linebacker Armon Williams (Valley Christian).

each of the past three years, return only eight players from a senior-dominated lineup. Still, coach Josh Mitchell projects a better turnout, inexperienced as they may be. One player with good credentials is senior Mike Deme, a 5-8, 155-pound two-way player who earned all-region acclaim at linebacker. He's small but tough. With senior Tres Lillard returning, the Flames have two good linebackers. Senior Mike Evans gets the call at quarterback. Juniors Jon Fontes, Brandon Billaber and Bob Vaught should start. Last year VL won its first-ever Metro game, 28-6 over Canyon State Academy.

3A SOUTH REGION

1. Chandler Seton Catholic (5-5)
2. Coolidge (12-1)
3. Queen Creek (5-4)
4. Eloy Santa Cruz (6-4)
5. Globe (3-7)
6. Canyon State Academy (1-6)

Eight consecutive playoff appearances ended in the first round for **Seton Catholic**. Since 27 underclassmen got a taste of success, here's betting this year's Sentinels go farther. With senior quarterback Pat McCarville (6-2, 170) in the line-



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up, second-year coach Pete Wahlheim has a three-year varsity player. Still, McCarville and classmates like Adrian Hernandez and Jimmy Conner form a thin senior class. Danny Koestner, Neil Kurkhof, Barry Charters and Mike Sobczyk are juniors who could make a big impact. Seton might have the best junior class in the league.

Coolidge, a long-time football power, saw its dream of a state title go up in flames in the 3A finals, 58-8 to Blue Ridge. It was a senior dominated squad, so Carl Hernandez has to work with a real young group. Best of the bunch is junior halfback Elijah White (5-10, 180), a 1,000-yard runner with 4.5 speed. One of his best games came in the playoffs, during a 74-0 rout of Holbrook: 9 carries, 203 yards, 4 TDs. Teammate James Jefferies (5-10, 180) joins him in the backfield. Up front, the Bears' running game depends upon Cameron Bechtal, Taylor Randall and Devin Rutledge, good two-way linemen with varsity experience. Speed and good skill-position players can carry a team a long way.

If **Queen Creek** stays healthy, the

Bulldogs might be the surprise of the league. Seventeen players, including lots of starters, return. The Dogs' season ended with a win over Seton Catholic. The senior class, led by all-region line-backer Marcus Lemieux, looks solid. Several big, strong players return, including fullback Lawrence Sanfillipo (6-0, 210), end Trent Underwood (6-2, 200), tackle Don Hines (6-1, 250), defensive end Preston Dees (6-1, 200) and tight end Pat Patterson (6-1, 210), to list a few. Two-way tackle Miles Payne (6-2, 230) is just a junior. Transfer Kendal Bryant could contribute at running back and safety. "We're optimistic," says second-year coach Curt LeBlanc, whose team opens with Coolidge. "The kids have bought into what we want to do."

Coach Jay Denton thinks his team fell short of expectations, but **Eloy Santa Cruz** started eight sophomores and made the playoffs. Payson ended their season at 6-4 in the first round, a 62-41 loss in the highest scoring 3A playoff game in Arizona history. Fullback/line-backer J.D. Denton (5-11, 195), the coach's son, has been a varsity member

since his freshman year. He's just a junior. Gilbert Cervantes, Rene Ortega and Bobby Jones look like the best of a thin senior class. Juniors Marcos Ibanez, Rich Williams, Andy Trevino, Tony Espinoza, Josh Rivas, Chase Price and Martrail Harris all start. Sophomore Javier Villereal is a 250-pound two-way tackle.

Of the 20 lettermen returning at **Globe**, fullback Joe Brochu (5-10, 225), quarterback Talmage Hansen (6-0, 170), guard Sy Tomberlin (6-2, 205), tailback Robert Kieren (5-10, 205) and wideout Derek Marin (5-10, 150) are the most experienced. All five seniors played as sophomores. Mix in a decent number of juniors, and Roger Schenks' Tigers should be better. Junior Chet Huelskamp is a 6-3, 275-pound two-way lineman.

3A WEST REGION

1. Wickenburg (10-2)
2. Fountain Hills (6-4)
3. Higley (4-5)
4. Sedona Red Rock (1-8)
5. Camp Verde (3-6)
6. Chino Valley (0-9)

Under fifth-year coach Tom McGoldrick, **Wickenburg** gets better each year. The Wranglers, co-champs in the 3A West, won 10 games and reached the semifinals. Blue Ridge ended their campaign with a 28-0 defeat. "We should be a contender again," says McGoldrick, whose teams have won 28 games in the past three years. "We'll be faster."

3A SOUTH NOTEBOOK

The demise of the Arizona Boys Ranch, now called Canyon State Academy, has made this race wide-open again. By far, the best rivalry among region foes belongs to Eloy and Coolidge, who have knocked heads since 1949. **COACHING:** The veteran of this league is Jay Denton at Santa Cruz, who has won over 100 games at the Eloy school, including a 3A state championship in 1978, and a 2A state crown in 1990. **TRIVIA:** Jay Denton's '78 champions featured future NFL defensive back Mossy Cade, and his '90 club featured future NFL defensive back Eddie Cade. **RECENT PROS:** Eloy leads the pack by a long shot, with recent players Eddie Cade (New England/Kansas City) and soon-to-be rookie Levi Jones of the Cincinnati Bengals.



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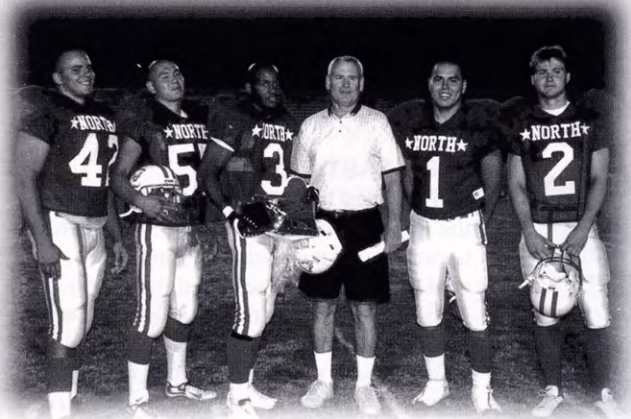
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3A WEST NOTEBOOK

The veteran football-playing school in this region is Wickenburg, which started up the sport in 1937, playing 6-man ball. Camp Verde began varsity play in 1948. **COACHING:** Easily, the veteran here is Sedona's Jim Cromartie, who coached in New Mexico and Oklahoma before oil was discovered. Cromartie also coached in Hobbs, N.M., a basketball-known school with a 15,000-seat football stadium. Higley's Jim Beall also coached in Oklahoma. **TRIVIA:** Before joining the 11-man ranks in 1953, Wickenburg won six state championships in 6-man football. Forty years ago this fall, Camp Verde won its first of two-straight 6-man crowns. **RECENT PROS:** Current Seattle Seahawk punter Jeff Feagles graduated from Phoenix Gerard, a former catholic school which is closed. The Redcoats once toiled in this 3A conference, and were state champions in 1974. Feagles played college football at Miami of Florida.

Unlike recent years, Wickenburg seems smaller, both size-wise and in numbers. But except for quarterback, all the backs return, starting with versatile Brian Herrington. The 5-10, 205-pound junior gained 781 yards on 173 carries and scored 11 touchdowns. He averaged 25 yards on kickoff returns, and handled the place kicking when called upon. He made two field goals. Stephen Bacon (5-9, 178), a two-way back, averaged 19 yards on kickoff returns and starts in the secondary. Fullback David Alexander (5-10, 215) adds to the Wranglers' potent running attack, if the passing game falters. Junior Jerid Lewis moves in at quarterback. Two-way starters Colin Morse, Brett Melendez, C.J. Hill and Kyle Harris should give Wickenburg an edge come playoff time. The Wranglers open the season against Chinle on Sept. 7 in the Round Valley Classic, one of four games played in the Springerville Dome, made famous recently during the Rodeo Fire.

Fountain Hills, loaded with underclassmen, saw its playoff ride last one game. The Falcons dropped a first round encounter to Wickenburg, 24-14. Two key seniors, center Erik Swanson (6-2, 240) and safety Jason Trulson (5-10, 180), are three-year letter winners. Thanks to the return of Swanson, the

Small Schools (cont.)

Falcons' line is solid. Shawn Kennedy (6-2) and Julio Rangel (6-3, 225) start at tackle. Cody McDonald (5-11, 200) is the tight end. Whoever starts at quarterback will have a good receiving corp in McDonald, Trulson and wideout Tim Wells. Logan Lewis is the best Falcon running back. All are seniors. Since the school's first varsity game in 1993, Jim Fairfield has been the only head coach.

In the school's first year, **Higley's** varsity won four games. The Knights, coached by veteran Jim Beall, played mostly underclassmen. "It was a good start," says Beall, who once won consecutive state championships at Snowflake. "We played a lot of youngsters and missed the playoffs by one game." Two-way lineman Josh Gordon (5-9, 200) was a first team all-region pick. Linebacker Chris Ammons (5-10, 180) and deep back Matt Belarde (6-0, 190), also seniors, were honorable mention. Overall, six



Sedona head coach Jim Cromartie (above), like Higley's Jim Beall, once coached in the Oklahoma high school ranks.

key seniors return, including receiver Robbie Reyes, safety Billy Darland and guard Zack Byrd. Sophomore Buddy Lee was an all-region vote getter at linebacker. As a freshman, quarterback Matt Hamberg got his feet wet on the varsity, passing for 248 yards.

Johnny Cunningham, a three-year starter at quarterback, is the main man at **Sedona Red Rock**, where Jim Cromartie's forces hope to improve on last year's record. "We got hit early by injuries," says the veteran coach. "And when you have little depth that can be a problem." With Cunningham (6-0, 175), who also plays cornerback, the Scorpions have the makings of an improved backfield. Fullback Matt Wyatt (6-3, 205), tight end Robbie Wilkie (6-1, 195) and guard Chris Tolley (5-10, 185) are all experienced players. Junior cornerback Jeff Miner can fill in at quarterback if needed. Jeremy Woodson starts in the secondary. Depth and line play will be the key.

At **Camp Verde**, Luke Steege returns half his line and the entire backfield. In quarterback Chase Armstrong (5-11, 170), the Cowboys have a four-year varsity player. Halfback/safety David McDonald (6-0, 170) is a three-year letter winner. Among the veteran linemen, senior Ryan Moreno (5-11, 235) has the most experience. Junior wingback Charlie Baca, who doubles in the secondary, started as a sophomore.

3A EAST REGION

Predicted to finish near the bottom in the region, **Payson's** Longhorns ended up in the 3A quarterfinals. First-year coach Steve Saban watched his young squad play state champ Blue Ridge tough for three quarters, trailing 8-6. But the Yellowjackets prevailed, 29-6. Overall, the 'Horns averaged 32 points per game. A mixture of experienced seniors and some talented underclassmen make for a promising season. Veteran back/kick returner Waylon Pettet (5-10, 170), and sophomore linebacker Tyler Williams (5-8, 185), who is small, but tough enough to also play linebacker, are quality players. Senior Nate Perna (6-2, 180) will run the show at quarterback. His receiving corp includes tight end Mike Barr (6-5, 225) and wideout Jake Swartwood (6-2, 170), who is a junior. "We'll be young, but we might surprise some people again," says Saban. "If everybody works hard in the offseason, it takes care of itself."

2A NORTH CANYON REGION

The injury bug took a big bite out of

The Orme School, although the Warriors managed six wins. Several key players went down in the last three games, and playoff hopes went out the window. Veteran coach Bob Miller enters the 2002 campaign with 187 wins in his career. As always, the key players are seniors, with quarterback Evan Wilkenson, a 6-3, 200-pounder, taking the controls. Tight end Nick Tunnell might be Wilkenson's best target. Senior guard J.B. Kessler (5-9, 190) started. Underclassmen fill out most of the lineup, including center Billy Long, guard Claudeny Obas, receiver Jeremiah Watts, and tailback Michael Brooks, who is a sophomore. Senior Aaron Morton, a transfer from Phoenix Goldwater, should help. The 5-10, 205-pound fullback/linebacker gained 545 yards on 92 carries.

At **Mayer**, the Wildcats look to a junior quarterback to lead the way, and Kevin Passmore (5-11, 170) has a chance to be a four-year varsity letterman. Several veteran players are there for support, including receiver/safety Stephen Soriano (6-4, 185), fullback Joe Thompson (5-10, 190) and linebacker Randy McRoberts (6-1, 185). All three go both ways, as does Passmore, who plays in the secondary. Last year the Wildcats, who spent most of their life in 6-man/8-man competition, won four games, most ever in 2A ball. "We're getting brand new lights, and that's a big boost for our community," says second-year mentor Greg Davis. "We look to be a lot more stable."

2A COPPER REGION

Second-year coach Shawn Cluff looks

for a better season at **Florence**, with better depth and experienced varsity players. Veteran end Mike Ulloa (6-2, 215) has seen a lot of varsity games. Roland Tipton (5-11, 190) doubles at fullback/linebacker, and is the Gophers' best scoring threat. The junior class will supply the varsity with at least two key players, quarterback Gabe Ramirez (5-11, 145), and two-way tackle Jake Carrasco (6-3, 23), both good athletes.

2A DESERT REGION

At **Maricopa**, Kelvin Liermann hopes to see improvement with 17 returning players and a better than normal collection of linemen. Also, the defense, with two key returners at linebacker, looks stronger. Junior guard/linebacker Jake Heun (6-1, 215) was an all-region pick as a sophomore. He's the Rams' top player. Seniors Adrian Garcia (5-9, 185), a tailback/linebacker, and center/tackle Foster Fensel (5-9, 220) are good bets for post-season honors. If they stay healthy.

1A SOUTH REGION

It was a bountiful season at **Phoenix Day School for the Deaf**. The Roadrunners won six games and played almost everybody tough. Coach Frank Amann lost six starters to graduation, and that's a big blow in 8-man ball. "We should be alright defensively," says Amann. "But we lost our entire backfield. We hope to break even." The 'Runners (6-3) finished second in the region to state champ St. David, then lost a 52-32 playoff game to Salome. Senior Joe Bradford (5-10, 190) is a veteran guard. He and

SMALL SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Florence, which played its first varsity game in 1928, got its mascot name (Gophers) from its first head coach, Vince Killerlain. The former University of Minnesota graduate convinced his new school to name its mascot after Minnesota's. **COACHING:** One of the winningest all-time coaches from the 2A/3A ranks was former Wickenburg mentor Ralph Moran, who is deceased. Between 1953 and 1984, the former Jerome High star won 200 games, all at Wickenburg. **COLLEGE STARS:** Former Orme School all-state tailback Jabari Felton-Smith was a star cornerback/kick returner at Arizona Western College last fall. In 2000 Smith, a former state sprint champion, rushed for 2,434 yards and scored 44 touchdowns, both all-time Arizona 2A state records.

juniors John Clifton and Phil Moraga are the team's best blockers. John Fairfield, Pat Henry and Jovon Gray are the best skill players. Gray is only a sophomore.

5A SOUTHERN REGION

Tailback Tyrone James (6-2, 190) is the best bet at **Casa Grande**, where the Cougars won only once. He gained 713 yards and scored four times. Wideout Nathan Edwards caught six passes for 155 yards, while Marc Elias caught nine for 208. Junior Chris Mora is a 6-1, 230-pound two-way tackle.



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Finally, after four embarrassing quarters, the horn went off, ending the 2001 Class 3A state championship game. The slaughter was over.

Blue Ridge of Lakeside, winner of eight of the last 10 state championships, won 58-8. In the state finals no less.

And the game was on TV.

It wasn't supposed to be that way. Coolidge, winner of several state championships of their own, was unbeaten and almost untested. Coach Carlo Hernandez's smooth running club had won 11 games in a row. Their size, they thought, would more than match up with Blue Ridge. Their speed was better, too.

So much for size and speed.

In big games, great "programs" beat good "teams" nine times out of 10. At any level. In any sport. That's just the way it is. There are few exceptions.

But Coolidge players should keep their chins up. Nothing to be ashamed of here. The rest of the 3A field - some probably laughing - was sitting in the stands, or living rooms drinking a beer. The Bears were on the playing field.

Coached by Paul Moro, who once upon a time attended Scottsdale Coronado High School, the Blue Ridge football program reads like something out of fiction:

In less than two decades, Moro has built the best "small school" football program in Arizona history. Better than anything ever seen at once powerful Eloy Santa Cruz, Snowflake, or once proud programs in Arizona's historic mining towns, like Bisbee, Douglas, Globe or Miami.

Since 1985, the Yellowjackets are 182-26-1 on the field, an .875 winning percentage. During that span they've won nine state championships, and 63 games in a row once - a state record and one of the longest in history. The 'Jackets have won 101 of their last 103 games, with the two losses being in the 1998 and 1999 state finals. Today, only one school in the country has a better winning percentage during that streak, De La Salle High of Concord, (Ca.), a private Bay Area school which has won 125 games in a row, a national record. Blue Ridge enters the 2002 campaign with a 26-game win streak.

"We have a lot of outstanding, hard-working assistant coaches," said Moro in January at a Phoenix sports banquet. "Our kids work hard all the time. They



Blue Ridge head coach Paul Moro has built the best "small school" football program in Arizona history (Steve Paynter photo).

have bought into the system, and take great pride in it.

"Our fans are something else. You'd think you were at a college game. They show so early, tailgate, eat and have a great time. Our kids try not to disappoint them, if you know what I mean."

"But why do we win almost all the time?" asks Moro. "I'm not really sure. I can't answer that. I don't think anybody can. It just happens."

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This summer, as Moro and his latest football edition prepare for the upcoming campaign, everything seems a little different. Everybody's glad the tragic June Rodeo Fire didn't burn down the school, or the whole town.

"They had to turn the water off on our school fields, so the grass will probably die," Moro told *The Arizona Republic*. "They said, 'We'll try to save it.' I said 'Save houses. Save trees. Don't worry about my field.'"

But when the season starts, opponents will worry about the field, the Blue Ridge mystique, and returning players like quarterback Alex Moro, the coach's son. Young Alex has passed for 52 career touchdowns and 3,470 yards and still has a dozen more games to play. He's 26-0 as a starter.

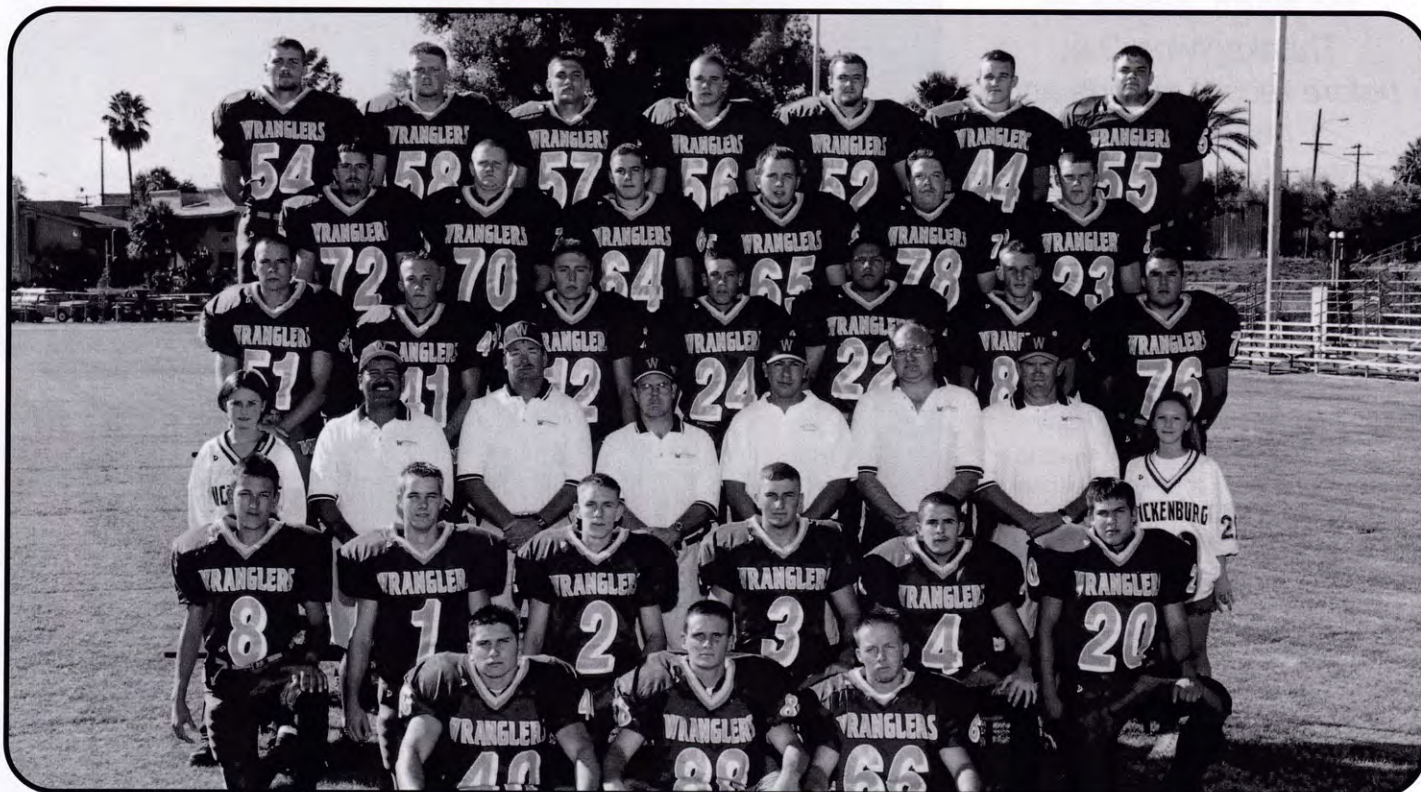
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During the war-torn '40s the best high school football rivalry in the Southwest was born, pitting Phoenix Union against city foe North, played on Thanksgiving Day, before record crowds and near-perfect weather conditions.

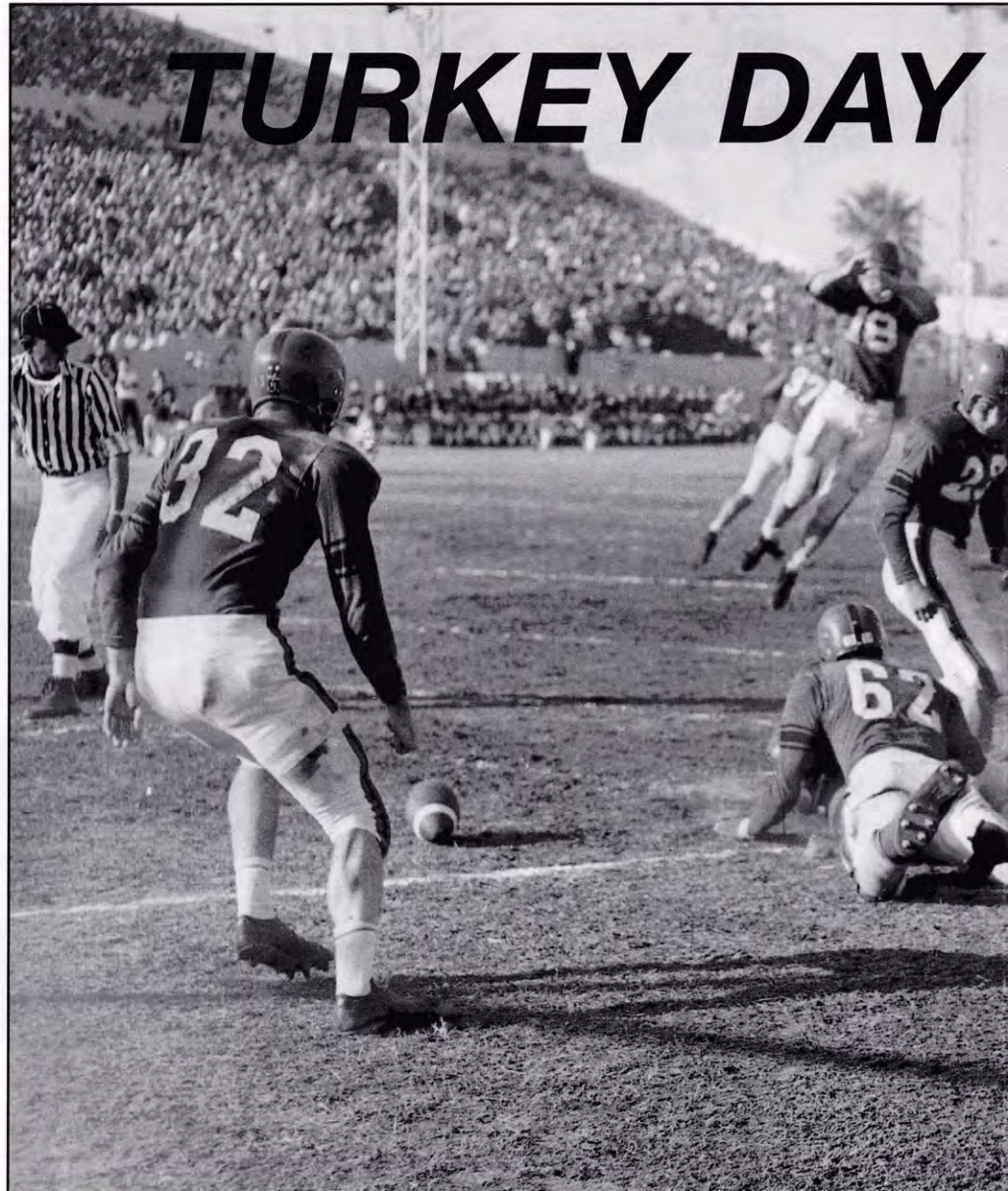
By **BARRY SOLLENBERGER**

It was a made to order rivalry, and school board members could see it coming. In 1938, taxpayers voted to spend \$800,000 on a new high school in northeast Phoenix. The vote helped relieve congestion at historic Phoenix Union High, whose enrollment had reached 5,219 students - largest of an high school west of the Mississippi River.

The new school, to be called North Phoenix High, opened one year later. By 1941, North was ready to play the mighty Coyotes, winners of 22 state championships, in the biggest and most popular sport in town - football.

For years the annually Thanksgiving Day contest, with Phoenix Union matched against the Phoenix Indian School, was the city's most colorful contest. It attracted more fans (sometimes 10,000) than college games between the University of Arizona and Arizona State. Turkey Day games, played throughout the U.S.A., were as popular in Arizona as they were anywhere. But the Coyotes-

"It was always a sellout, or so it seemed. Just riding the bus to the game was a big deal. It gave you chills to drive up to the stadium. It was one of the big events of the year, and playing on Turkey Day made it extra special."



Braves clash had become stale. With the birth of North, a made to order holiday game was inevitable.

And so was born one of the greatest high school football rivalries in the Southwest. Across the state, Thanksgiving Day games were popular. Bisbee vs Globe, Miami vs Douglas, Jerome vs Clarkdale, Safford vs Thatcher, or Tucson against Tucson Amphitheater, were hotly contested. But when it came to talent, crowd support, upsets and down-to-the-wire excitement, nothing could match the Phoenix Union-North High battles.

SWEET SIXTEEN

During its short time in history, only 16 games were played. The rivalry lasted many more years, with the last contest a 21-6 North win in 1980, one year before

the Phoenix Union High School District - because of declining enrollment - closed down the Coyotes for good. But the first 16 were Thanksgiving afternoon tilts, played before sellout crowds and near-perfect weather conditions.

Before the Valley's population exploded after World War II, and before the birth of several new schools cut into the fan base, buying a ticket to a late November game at historic Montgomery Stadium was no easy task.

Between 1941, that memorable first contest, and the Turkey Day finale in 1956, the game became a stage for many of the Valley's all-time great high school coaches and legendary players. Coaches like Larry Rouble, John Black, Wendall "Pat" Patterson or Sam Winningham of Phoenix Union. Or Rolly Caldwell, Walt

SPECIAL



ABOVE: Phoenix Union's John Etz (32), Willard Nobley (38) and Carl Brown (46) carry Wendell Patterson to the showers. **LEFT:** As 13,500 fans look on, Danny Rhinehart (32) picked up a fumble and returned it 101 yards for a score. It was erased by a penalty.

Ruth, Tom Black and Cecil Coleman at North. Rouble, who won only one Turkey Day game as Union's coach, was a former Stanford star who played in three consecutive Rose Bowls.

Not to be overlooked were assistant coaches, like Clare Van Hoorebeke, Bill

"I went to Arizona State to play college ball, and played in a smaller stadium ... And to give you an idea of the intensity of the game, three of my teammates broke bones against Phoenix."

Saunders, Martin "Pug" Marich, Thomas "Shanty" Hogan, Don Pace, Jim Stangland or Vern Wolfe, to name just a few.

Then there were the players. Teenagers playing a kids game before thousands of fans, mostly adults. Players like Frank Tarazan, Rudy Yabarra, Dave Goodwin, Ernest Walkup, Gene Brown, Bob Matoch, James Black, Bob Jacobs, Quenton Aycock, Al Carr, George Greathouse or Delbert Hodge at Phoenix Union.

Or Howard Moore, Jim Nafziger, Frankie Miller, Jack Holland, Arnie Peterson, Boyd Clements, Kemper Marley, Gene Mitcham, Clyde Nielson, Kenny Aycock, George Flint, Eddie Mitchell, John Harper, Allen Sandell, Lloyd Aycock and Dallas Long at North,

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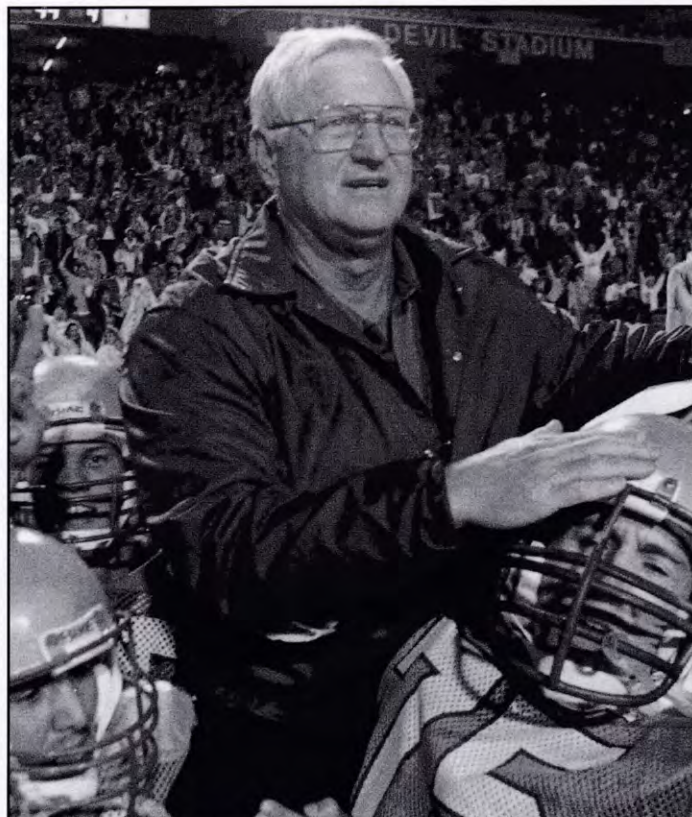
Perhaps Frank Armstrong, a little-known reserve on North's 1953 state championship team, remembers it best: "It was always a sellout, or so it seemed," recalls Armstrong, who made his living in Phoenix in the restaurant business. "Just riding the bus to the game was a big deal. It gave you the chills to drive up to the stadium. It was one of the big events of the year, and playing on Turkey Day made it extra special."

Yes, playing the biggest game of the year in Montgomery Stadium was an experience never to be forgotten. Adds Arnie Peterson, a future Arizona State back who completed 13 of 19 passes in the 1947 classic - before 17,000 fans - and scored both North touchdowns: "I went to Arizona State to play college ball, and played in a smaller stadium," laughs Peterson. "That stadium down there was bigger than Arizona State's. And to give you an idea of the intensity of the game, three of my teammates broke bones against Phoenix. There were no cheap

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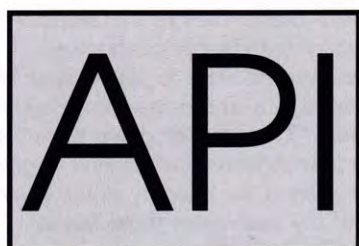
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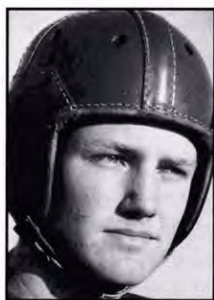
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shots. But the hitting was vicious. Everybody came to play. That's probably why the games were so close."

Peterson's teammate, all-state end Boyd Clements, later became a rival, at the University of Arizona. He got hurt in the '47 battle, but it didn't keep him out of the game.

"The game ended in damn a tie," recalls Clements from his home in Phoenix. "We played all day for a tie. I caught a pass once and broke my thumb when I fell. So later, I'm running a pass rout and Gene Brown, a great player for Phoenix, grabs my arm, the one with the broken thumb. He knew I was hurt. I tried to catch the ball, but I couldn't. On the way back to the huddle I told Brown 'If you try that again I'll clean your clock.' But nothing really happened. We knew all those guys. We were friends."

Yes, 16 times on Thanksgiving afternoon, thousands of fans, from all corners of Maricopa County, converged on downtown Phoenix to see the Coyotes and Mustangs fight it out:

1941: NORTH 20, PHOENIX 13

November brought a new, colorful chapter in Phoenix sports history, as 11,000 spectators showed for the first-ever meeting between the schools, played two weeks before Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Little Rudy Ybarra put the Coyotes ahead with a spectacular 64-yard punt return, but three minutes later Frank Miller, who had punted the ball to Ybarra, paid him back with a 75-yard return of his own. After a bad Phoenix lateral was recovered by North's Perry Doyle, full-back Howard Moore scored from one-yard out, then kicked the conversion. North's Barney Coleman intercepted the Coyotes' last pass to secure the win.

1942: NORTH 26, PHOENIX 7

In one of the best years ever for Phoenix football, nationally-ranked Phoenix Union, a two-touchdown

favorite, and North entered the game with near-perfect records. North suffered an earlier loss to Tucson. But nobody comprehended how good Rolly Caldwell's Mustangs were until they blasted the Coyotes 26-7, before 11,500 fans, the largest crowd ever to see a high school game in Arizona.

With the win, North players carried both Caldwell and the Luke Greenway Legion Trophy, symbolic of the city crown, off the field. The Wild Horses' bigger line prevailed. Halfback Jim Nafziger, who later played at Stanford, and triple-threat Tommy McGowen were unstoppable.

Earlier, Phoenix Union beat all three West Coast schools on its schedule: Bakersfield 13-7, Alhambra 18-0, and Long Beach Poly 13-6. Among North High victims were two Texas schools: El Paso 48-7, and El Paso Austin 47-7, along with Albuquerque, N.M. 20-0. Nafziger's best day was against Mesa, a four-touchdown night when he and the Mustangs gained 527 yards from scrimmage.

1943: NORTH 19, PHOENIX 0

The Wild Horses continued supremacy over talent-depleted Phoenix Union to

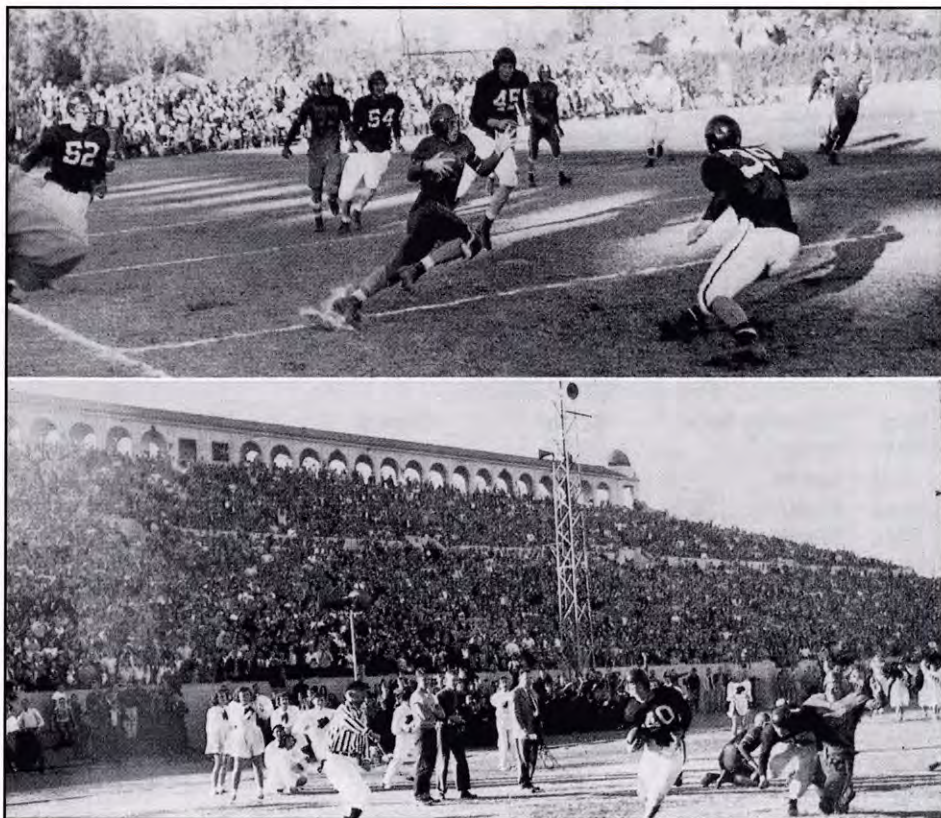
Mom liked ties

When North and Phoenix Union battled to consecutive ties in 1949-50, the parents of John and Tom Black, the Phoenix Union and North coaches, were happy again. They were the only ones. "My prayers were answered," said Alice Black after a 20-20 tie in 1950. "I prayed for a tie each year, and it happened."

One year earlier North, a two-touchdown favorite, saw its chance for a city and state crown go out the window with a 7-7 deadlock. "John must be happy," said Tom afterwards. "I know I'm not. I still think we have the best team in the state. It was a moral defeat for us. We wanted to win the game."

But mom didn't.

three consecutive games. The Coyotes lost several key lettermen from the previous year who were drafted. Plus the split with North started to show. Because of the war effort, Phoenix Union's games with San Bernardino and Alhambra of



Boxed in by Phoenix Union defenders (top), North High's Del Taylor cuts upfield, while PU's Roy Stegall (bottom) scores the only tally to win the 1948 city and state championship.



Kenny Aycock, North's pride and joy, takes a breather during 1953 state championship run.

California were cancelled. North won on three breakaway runs by Jack Holland.

1944: NORTH 12, PHOENIX 0

With KTAR-Radio broadcasting every play, and with a crowd of 10,000 on

hand, North scored first and went on to win its fourth-straight tilt. The Coyotes staged three goal-line stands to keep the score respectable. "Jumpin" Jack Holland scored both touchdowns on short runs, and North's defense held Phoenix to minus yards. The city title ended in a three-way tie between North, Phoenix Union and St. Mary's. State-wide, nobody could contain nationally-ranked Tucson High, which steamrolled everybody on route to a perfect season.

1945: NORTH 7, PHOENIX 6

The war was over! Everybody was fired-up for Thanksgiving Day. But unfortunately for first-year Phoenix coach Francis Siegel, the Coyotes' headaches continued. Before the largest crowd (14,000) to witness a game in Arizona - high school or college - Leroy Shaw fired a 40-yard scoring strike to Adron Reichert, then booted a perfect extra point. The Coyotes fought back, scoring late in the second quarter when Floyd Rommel hit all-state end Ernest Walkup for a 29-yard score. But Gordon Gump's kick was blocked.

1946: PHOENIX 14, NORTH 0

Although Phoenix city football reached an all-time low talent-wise, 13,000 fans filed into downtown for this classic, finally won by the Coyotes. The teams won only three games between them, with North's sole win a 44-6 thumping of Phoenix Tech. The long drought ended for Phoenix Union, played before perfect

weather conditions on a bright, sunny afternoon. The standout was Bob Hazelton, Phoenix quarterback. Tom Melton and Jim Reppert scored on two short runs.

For the first time, Phoenix Union got its name engraved on the stock of the Harper's Ferry Rifle, donated to the winner by C.B. Hicks. More than 90 years old, it was allegedly used in the siege of Atlanta during the Civil War.

1947: PHOENIX 13, NORTH 13

This game was played one week after North, a 13-point favorite, upset New Mexico state champ Albuquerque 27-20 in the most thrilling game of the season. On Thanksgiving, even though the game ended in a tie, the underdog Coyotes celebrated a moral victory. They carried first-year coach John Black off the field. "The kids really got out there and played ball," said Black, a former star at the University of Arizona. "And we got the best center in the state, Joe Propati." Propati and guard Roy Alba were the stars for Phoenix, while the North hero was Arnie Peterson, the Mustang's blonde halfback. Peterson completed 13 of 19 passes for 178 yards, plus rammed over for both North touchdowns.

Wrote Ben Foote of *The Phoenix Gazette*: "Not one of the 17,000 souls who put off a turkey dinner a few hours to witness the tie should be disappointed. The game lived up to its billing. The Coyotes played inspired ball, their best of the season."

"I gambled and we lost," said North mentor Walt Ruth, a former A-State star. "We lost one touchdown when a couple backs bumped heads on a reverse, and a couple on dropped passes."

Jim Reper, swift Coyote halfback, provided the biggest thrill with an 80-yard sprint down the east sidelines in the third period. But Ken Thompson's extra point kick sailed wide of its mark.

1948: PHOENIX 6, NORTH 0

Although the score was close there was no argument from any quarter after this one. Nationally-ranked Phoenix Union, which earlier beat California power Bakersfield 25-21, left no doubt that they were Arizona's best scholastic team. The Coyotes line held North to one-yard rushing. The game was played before an estimated 16,000 fans. For the first time since the rivalry started, the Pack had undisputed possession of the Luke-Greenway American Legion Trophy. But the Mustangs played their best game

Super Thursday

Scores of the 16 Thanksgiving Day Games played between Phoenix Union and North, plus announced attendance, based on newspaper reports:

| Year | Winning Team | Score | Crowd | Winning Coach |
|------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1941 | North | 20-13 | 11,000 | Rolly Caldwell |
| 1942 | North | 26-7 | 11,500 | Rolly Caldwell |
| 1943 | North | 19-0 | 10,000 | Rolly Caldwell |
| 1944 | North | 12-0 | 10,000 | Rolly Caldwell |
| 1945 | North | 7-6 | 14,000 | Rolly Caldwell |
| 1946 | Phoenix Union | 14-0 | 13,000 | Larry Rouble |
| 1947 | (TIE) | 13-13 | 17,000 | (TIE) |
| 1948 | Phoenix Union | 6-0 | 16,000 | John Black |
| 1949 | (TIE) | 7-7 | 16,000 | (TIE) |
| 1950 | (TIE) | 20-20 | 16,000 | (TIE) |
| 1951 | Phoenix Union | 33-0 | 14,000 | Pat Patterson |
| 1952 | North | 13-0 | 10,000 | Cecil Coleman |
| 1953 | North | 14-0 | 10,000 | Cecil Coleman |
| 1954 | Phoenix Union | 14-7 | 13,500 | Sam Winningham |
| 1955 | (TIE) | 7-7 | 9,500 | (TIE) |
| 1956 | North | 39-6 | 6,000 | Marvin Wahlin |



George Flint
North



Al Carr
Phoenix Union

of the season, holding the Coyotes vaunted express to a scoreless tie at halftime. Big Roy Stegall, Phoenix Union halfback, outshined teammate Gene Brown, and scored the games only touchdown. "I told the guys Tuesday that I'd be darn glad to win by one point," said winning coach John Black afterwards. "I would have settled for that after the game was five minutes old."

The Pack's best team in years lost only once, 24-19 to San Diego High. But during a near-perfect season they had impressive wins over San Bernardino, Tucson, Phoenix St. Mary's, and Bakersfield. After the Turkey Day clash, all-state tackle Bob Matock was selected to play for the West in the United States High School All-Star Game in Honolulu on Christmas.

1949: PHOENIX 7, NORTH 7

The stadium filled up 30 minutes before kickoff for the first meeting between the Black Brothers, Phoenix Union coach John and his brother Tom, now the head man at North. It was an intriguing matchup, to say the least. Both brothers were former Tucson High and University of Arizona standouts. Their mother, Alice, made headlines by telling reports she prayed all week for a tie. She watched the first half on the Phoenix Union side, the second on North's side. Ken "Moose" Thompson, North's outstanding fullback, tried a field goal from the 23-yard line with 17-seconds remaining, but the kick sailed under the cross bar. Alice Black got her wish.

"John must be happy," said North coach Tom Black, whose team was favored. "I know I'm not. I still think we have the best team in the state. It was a moral defeat for us. We really wanted to win the game."

Still, Thompson was the star of the game. The 200-pound honor student averaged 5.4 yards through the line, put on the best punting exhibition of the sea-

son, and stuffed the Coyotes' running game on defense. His punts averaged 43.7 yards, and was the game's biggest thrill. Three of his kicks traveled 57, 55 and 54 yards. One went out of bounds on the seven yard line, and another on the six. In addition to Thompson, Kemper Marley was acclaimed the toughest adversary by the Coyotes themselves.

During the season, Phoenix Union maintained its success over West Coast schools, beating San Bernardino 22-12, San Diego 39-32, and Bakersfield 21-6, while North managed a 7-0 win over state champ Phoenix St. Mary's.

1950: PHOENIX 20, NORTH 20

The parents of John and Tom Black were happy again. For the second straight year their sons' teams fought to a tie, and this time a draw for the city championship. Big Gene Mitcham, later a star at Arizona State, was North's individual standout. He gained 119 yards on 17 carries. Phoenix Union's Jim Black (no relation to the coach) set up the Pack's first score with a 62-yard punt return, and kept the Mustangs backed up all day with six booming punts that averaged 44 yards.

By 1950, high school football in the Valley of the Sun was as strong as anywhere in the country. In October, North belted CIF champ Compton (Ca.) 26-14, snapping the Tarbabes 14-game win streak. Two weeks later, playing without

Mitcham, who was hurt, the Wild Horses socked it to Santa Barbara, 48-28. Phoenix Union was just as impressive, stopping two-time Los Angeles city champ Fremont 12-6, followed by an impressive 40-0 win over Las Vegas, Nevada. State champ Mesa best PU 20-14, and North 21-13.

1951: PHOENIX 33, NORTH 0

In the biggest margin of victory in the series, this one was over early. Even Wendell "Pat" Patterson, Phoenix Union's first-year coach, was surprised. Dripping wet after the traditional dunking in the shower, Patterson was convinced his senior guard/linebacker Quentin Aycock was the star of the game: "Did you see Aycock out there? He tackled hard and blocked like a demon. Bob Jacobs and Bob Black were good too. But Aycock was great."

Aycock, a football-family name in Phoenix, spoiled North's passing game with two interceptions, and made life miserable for their receivers. Jim Christie, 240-pound Coyote tackle, lumbered 50 yards with a fumble during the game. Besides Patterson, jubilant Phoenix players threw assistants Bill Saunders, Martin Marich and Ed Long, along with former line coach Virgil Marsh, into the showers.

1952: NORTH 13, PHOENIX 0

Despite the absence of stellar quarterback Vaughn Patterson, North ended a



In 1947, with Coyotes in pursuit, North all-state end Boyd Clements breaks a tackle and heads down the west sidelines. Game ended in a tie.

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Ted Newman
North



George Greathouse
Phoenix Union

six-year victory famine. Patterson, out with a knee injury, was replaced by 140-pound sophomore Clyde Neilson, who handled the ball like a veteran and led both North touchdown drives. The rugged Mustang defense held Phoenix Union to 87 yards total offense. For the Coyotes, sophomore quarterback Joe Duffy, who would later sign a professional baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles, punted seven times for a 39.5 average, and shined on defense at safety.

1953: NORTH 14, PHOENIX 0

North's unbeaten state champs, spearheaded by all-American tailback Kenny Aycock, scored twice in the second quarter to seal the win. "I feel sorry for our kids," said first-year PU coach Sam Winningham, whose team finished 4-6. "They played to their fullest capacity but just couldn't win. But North was outstanding, a great high school team."

For Cecil Coleman's Northmen, it was too much Aycock and Perry Tsantilas. Tsantilas, a big tackle, opened the holes, and Aycock bulled over tacklers for 148 yards on 14 carries (a 10.1 average). Biggest play of the game was an 80-yard pass interception by North's Dick Kerr, who was hauled down from behind by Bill Lairson. After that it was a grueling defensive struggle. George Flint, later a guard for the Buffalo Bills, was a member of North's championship team.

1954: PHOENIX 14, NORTH 7

Nationally-ranked Phoenix Union ended North's two-year grip on the city and state title in this defensive battle, played for the first time after integration laws were enforced. In May, all-black Carver High graduated its last class, and most remaining students relocated at Phoenix Union. With the merger came a wealth of talent for second-year coach Sam Winningham. Underdog North held the Coyotes' high scoring single-wing offense in check, but committed costly miscues. An estimated 13,500 fans saw junior fullback George Greathouse, the state player of the year, carry much of PU's load. Phoenix Union capitalized on a blocked punt by Robert Fields and a fumble recovery by Tom Hulén.

1955: NORTH 7, PHOENIX 7

North's defense and Phoenix Union's George Greathouse were center stage. Greathouse, who took a physical beating,

lost three fumbles in the second half, the last a controversial call on a punt return. That fumble set up North's tying touchdown, a two-yard run by Lloyd Aycock. The real hero was lanky North end Frank Evans, who stymied Union's strong running game all day. North's Allen Sandell, one of the best linebackers in the state, also played well.

Years later, Greathouse remembers the call on his punt return as though it happened yesterday. "We got screwed on that play," he insists from his business in Phoenix, Esquire Barber & Beauty Salon. "That cost us the game. But those were fun, day games. Lots of excitement. We had no problem with North players, after coming over from Carver. I played with and against a lot of good players, some who went on to college and played."

During four years of varsity, two at Carver and two at Phoenix Union, Greathouse rushed for a city record 4,551 yards and scored 63 touchdowns. North fans were glad to see him go.

1956: NORTH 39, PHOENIX 26

The score made the 16th and last Thanksgiving Day clash another surprise. North, without injured star Lloyd Aycock, piled up 448 yards on the ground, the most ever in the series. They passed for just 12. The Coyotes made a game of it by getting pin-point passing from Gary LaValley, a 145-pound junior. Filling in for Aycock was Ted Newman, a 173-pound transfer from Holbrook who punched in five touchdowns - two more than he had scored all season. Newman gained 160 yards in 15 carries for a 10.7 average per run. The victory gave the Wild Horses eight wins in the series against four losses. Four games ended in ties.

In 1957, North beat their long-time rival 14-0 on a Friday, November 23, the first clash between the schools not played on Thanksgiving Day. Instead, district officials allowed two of the city's newer schools, South Mountain and West, to take center stage in the old stadium. The famed Turkey Day tilt was over.

Long after the last North-Phoenix Union holiday classic was played (31 years to be exact), Montgomery Stadium, where so many great games were played, was bulldozed. The city tore it down in 1987, exactly 60 years after its birth.

But it didn't matter. There were no games to be played. Phoenix Union had closed five years earlier.

Only the memories remained.

Star of stars

Most Valuable Players of the North-Phoenix Union Turkey Day Classics, based on media reports and coaches' opinions:

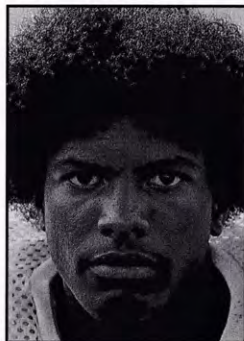
| Year | Player | School | Position | Winning School |
|------|-----------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1941 | Frank Miller | North | Quarterback | North |
| 1942 | Jim Nafzinger | North | Halfback | North |
| 1943 | Jack Holland | North | Halfback | North |
| 1944 | Jack Holland | North | Halfback | North |
| 1945 | Leroy Shaw | North | Quarterback | North |
| 1946 | Bob Hazelton | Phx. Union | Quarterback | Phoenix Union |
| 1947 | Arnie Peterson | North | Halfback | (TIE) |
| 1948 | Roy Stegall | Phx. Union | Halfback | Phoenix Union |
| 1949 | Kent Thompson | North | Fullback | (TIE) |
| 1950 | Gene Mitcham | North | Halfback | (TIE) |
| | Jim Black (TIE) | Phx. Union | Quarterback | |
| 1951 | Quentin Aycock | Phx. Union | Linebacker | Phoenix Union |
| 1952 | Clyde Neilson | North | Quarterback | North |
| 1953 | Kenny Aycock | North | Halfback | North |
| 1954 | G. Greathouse | Phx. Union | Fullback | Phoenix Union |
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| 1956 | Ted Newman | North | Halfback | North |



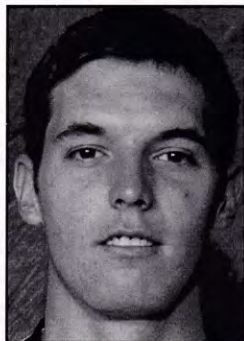
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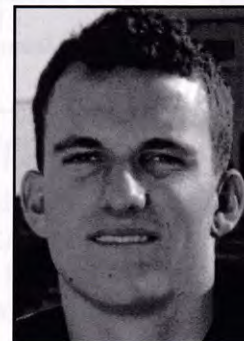
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1993 Jason Maas, Yuma
1992 Jason Verdugo, Tucson Canyon del Oro
1991 Anthony Sanders, Tucson Santa Rita
1990 Grady Benton, Mesa
1989 Aaron Santini, Tucson Santa Rita
1988 Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus
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1984 Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's
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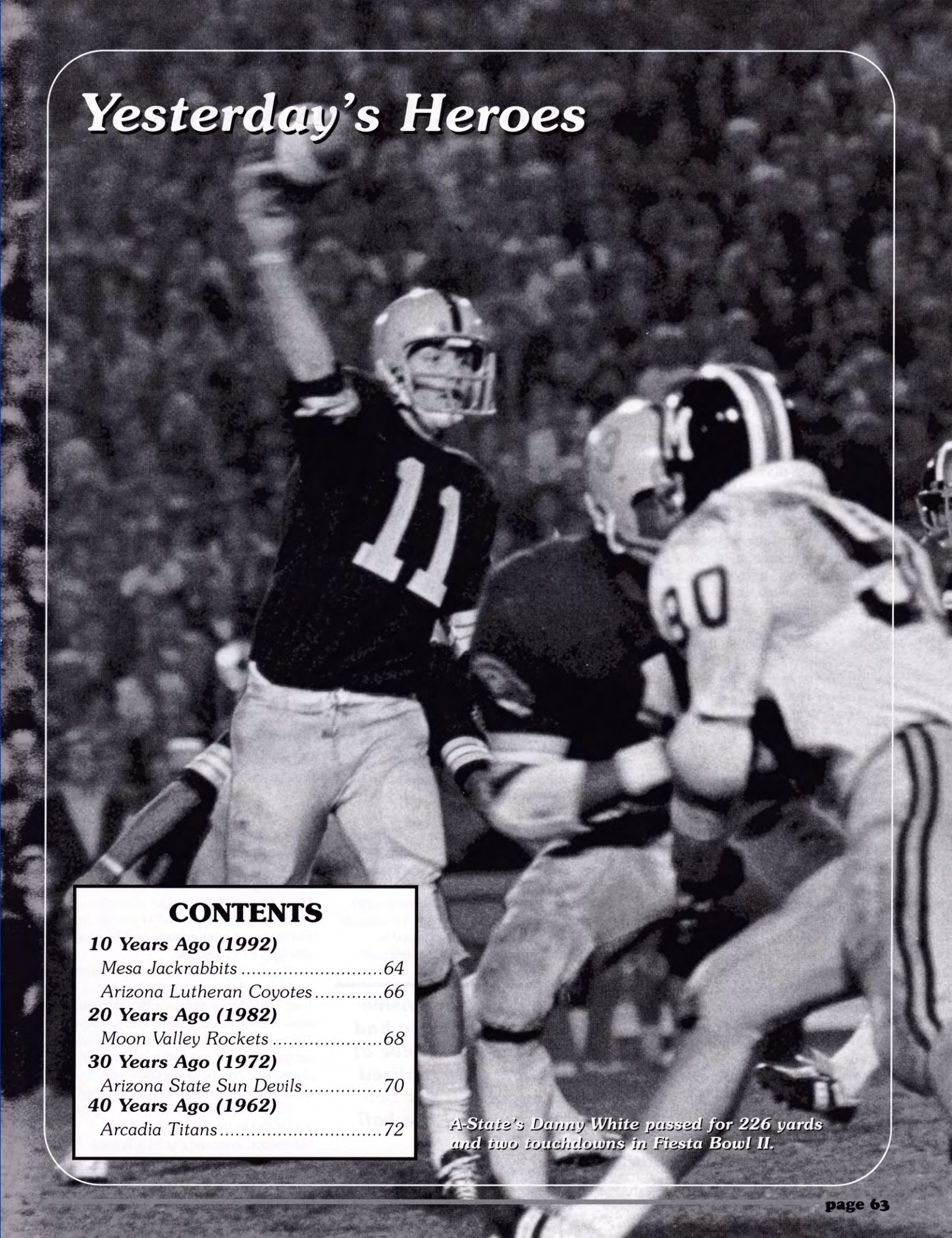
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*A-State's Danny White passed for 226 yards
and two touchdowns in Fiesta Bowl II.*

Mesa wins No. 11 for its Coach

Their coach was on the mend, seated in the press box with health problems. Across the field was bitter rival Mountain View, a team the Jackrabbits had beaten early in the season, 15-14. So anything could happen.

But what happened was almost predictable: Mesa 14, Mountain View 8. It was the Rabbits' second crown in three years, all under Jim Rattay. Sort of.

It was the first time the former Ohio high school coach had seen a game in a month. He had been hospitalized, fighting a fungus that cost him his right eye. The players dedicated each playoff game to their ailing coach.

Mesa built a 14-0 halftime lead before Mountain View threatened. But the defense came to the rescue in the fourth period when linebacker Mike Richardson decked quarterback Joe Germaine for a loss on fourth down near Mesa's goal. Mountain View threatened again, but defensive back Mikel Moreno (who doubled at quarterback) intercepted a halfback option pass at the one-yard line.

Moreno, like Germaine, was just a junior. But the slick Jackrabbit was hard to handle. He was a nightmare for opposing defenses. During the season he carried the ball 107 times for 939 yards and 10 touchdowns. He averaged 8.8 yards per carry, and completed 66 of 129 passes (51%) for 1,145 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The Toros, coached by Jesse Parker, finally scored with less than two minutes remaining. On fourth-and-seven Germaine (who would later be selected MVP of the 1997 Rose Bowl while playing for Ohio State) hit Brandon Berkeley with a 21-yard touchdown pass. Germaine then ran the ball in for a two-point conversion.

Then all hell broke loose.

With no timeouts, Mountain View tried an on-side kick, which was recovered by Tyler Wheeler for the Toros. But Mesa's defense met the challenge, and Jason Moncour intercepted Germaine's last pass in the end zone with four seconds left. A brawl ensued and each team's coaches helped restore order.

Parker, who would win four state championships at the school before moving to Texas, marched his team out of the stadium without waiting for the runnerup trophy.

With the win Mesa added its 11th state championship crown to its trophy case.



Only a junior, quarterback Moreno gained 939 yards rushing and scored 10 touchdowns (Mesa Tribune photo).

The win was No. 517 since 1920, the most in Arizona history. But surprisingly, by mid-October, neither Mesa school looked like a contender.

The Toros opened with three straight losses, the first a 21-7 setback to national power Honolulu St. Louis, played in Hawaii. The first loss to Mesa followed,

"I was a new defensive coordinator, and we had to get them to believe at first. Once they realized some success it got better. We pursued the ball very well."

-Coach Bill McKane

then a 26-7 defeat to top-ranked Tempe McClintock. On October 16, the Tempe school showed no sign of a letup by trouncing Mesa 19-7. But by then both Mesa schools made major changes. Mountain View switched to young Germaine at quarterback, and Mesa made changes in its defense.

"I was a new defensive coordinator, and we had to get them to believe at first," said Mesa assistant Bill McKane, who was elevated to the head job when Rattay became ill. "Once they realized some success it got better. We're very aggressive and have excellent speed on defense. We pursued the ball very well."

In the playoffs anything can happen, and it did in the first round. Mesa Westwood knocked out McClintock. Mesa then took the ball and rolled.

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Ouch!

But they weren't alone. The Coyotes, coached by Doug Lange, mercy-ruled all but one opponent. One school, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, forfeited a second encounter with the state's top-ranked 1A team. No need to go through that again. Earlier, ALA wiped them out, 44-0, in a game called after three quarters.

In the state finals, played at Phoenix Christian High School, the difference was Taylor Hedrick. The 6-1, 176-pound tailback, one of the best ever in the 8-man ranks, rushed for 210 yards on 20 carries and scored a title-game record five touchdowns. He also set a record by scoring 32 points.

"I'm feeling out of this worked," said Hedrick afterwards. "It's the greatest feeling in the world, winning the state championship. It really is."

"We've got a great bunch of kids, and we've had a powerhouse all year," added Lange.

That's an understatement. Lange knew he was in for a good season if Hedrick stayed healthy. The year before, his Coyotes finished 8-2 after falling to state co-champ Fredonia 52-42 in the state semifinals. A young Hedrick rushed for 218 yards and scored three times in the loss. On the season he gained 1,387 yards and averaged 10.6 yards per carry.

When the dust had cleared from the

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On the season, Hedrick averaged 12.8 yards per carry and scored 31 TDs.

'92 campaign, ALA stamped itself as one of Arizona's all-time great 8-man teams. They outscored three playoff teams 145-14, and all opponents 471-58. Defensively, they allowed "zero" rushing touchdowns for the entire season, the first and only time in state history. In the regular season the Coyotes' defense allowed 45 rushing yards for the year. Every starter, led by Hedrick, was voted first team all-conference by opposing coaches.

Overall, Hedrick rushed for 1,253 yards on 99 carries, averaging 12.8 yards per clip. He averaged 30.1 yards on kick-off returns, 20 on punt returns. He scored 31 touchdowns and six PATs for 198 points.

"He's done it all year," said Lange about his three-time all-state back. "He's faster than anybody in 1A, and he knows how to play. He's by far the best we've had here."

Kevin Irick, a four-year starter at full-back, gained 757 yards and averaged 11.4 yards per carry. He had 106 yards

on nine carries and two touchdowns in the finals. Between Irick and Hedrick, the Coyotes got a first down every time they touched the ball. With these two in the backfield, quarterback Ben Hoffman didn't need to throw often. So he didn't. He gained 263 yards and scored six times, and passed just 38 times, completing 25 for 527 yards and nine touchdowns.

When post-season awards were handed out, it was no surprise that Hedrick, who had a brief stay at Arizona State, was the player of the year. Joining him on *The Arizona Republic* all-state squad was wide receiver Tyler Behm (8TDs, 33 yds per catch), kicker Kevin Wendt (37/40 on PATs), linemen Jason Jaehnig, Paul Meier and Irick (who doubled at full-back), defensive back Hoffman and linebacker Matt Sonntag. Wendt as the center, and lineman Scott Kahrs, a 6-3, 215-pounder, were second team selections.

"Eight man football was a lot of fun," recalls Sonntag, who today is an assistant at ALA, where the Coyotes now play 11-man. "It was a blast. Unlike a lot of 8-man games, we played great defense. We were good at it, and we were almost perfect. We pitched a lot of shutouts. Only three teams scored twice on us. I'll always remember that."

Besides Lange, who stepped down three years later, the coaching staff consisted of assistants Bob Gruetzmacher, Jim Hahn, Tom Bennett and Ed Merkyl. The Coyotes competed in 8-man competition for nine wild seasons, between 1990-98. Today they play in the 2A Metro Region, and are coached by Doug Meyer, the school's athletic director.

Ironically, the sport began as 6-man, back in 1934, founded by Stephen Epler, an assistant coach at Beatrice High School in Nebraska.

"So many small schools couldn't field teams because there wasn't enough boys to scrimmage," said Epler at the time. "So a lot of schools didn't play, or those who did got killed playing larger schools with more boys. It wasn't fair. Now more teams can compete."

In 1967, most of the country switched to 8-man. The new game bears much closer to 11-man, and it isn't dominated by just one player. The placing of four additional players on the field helped reduce the adding-machine scores often seen in 6-man.

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER



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Coyotes 44 Phoenix Deaf School 0
Coyotes 51 Scottsdale Christian 6
Coyotes 52 Palo Verde Christian 8
Coyotes 52 Scottsdale Christian 6

PLAYOFFS:

Coyotes 44 St. David 0
Coyotes 46 Heber Mogollon 0
Coyotes 56 Patagonia 14

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Moon Valley Followed the Script

The Moon Valley Rockets and Trevor Browne Bruins followed the script. Twenty years ago they were the area's preseason favorites to reach the finals, and they did.

However, only Moon Valley's fans came away happy. Coach Earl "Tiny" Putman's Rockets stung the Bruins, 20-7 on a cold, wet night in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

Everybody took a bath, including the Arizona Interscholastic Association, as fewer than 4,000 spectators braved the elements, the smallest "large school" crowd ever.

The win climaxed a perfect 14-0 season for Putman, the dean of prep coaches in the old Skyline Division. His Rockets rang an early-season warning bell with a 20-7 win over Tempe McClintock to go 3-0 by mid-September. Moon Valley's forward wall, led by all-state tackle Richard Bear (an Arizona State signee), stuffed the always potent Chargers' offense.

But the Rockets really opened some eyes on Nov. 5 during a 38-14 rout of Phoenix St. Mary's, played before more than 6,000 fans at Moon Valley.

"That may have been the best game ever played by a Moon Valley team," said Putman later. "Everything worked that night. After the St. Mary's game the kids felt they could beat anybody."

So they did.

A 42-0 rout of Phoenix Thunderbird finished a perfect regular season - the school's first. In the opening round of the playoffs, Glendale Apollo fell 28-0. Maryvale fared no better than before (a 36-6 loss in Sept.), falling 35-7. Then Mesa power Mountain View, toughest club in the tough Central Division, lost a 21-14 nailbiter. One week later Trevor Browne fell in the finals and Moon Valley had its first state championship trophy.

Although it was to be Putman's only state championship club, six of his next seven teams reached the playoffs. In fact, his 1986 squad finished 13-1 and lost to Mountain View in the 5A finals. He bowed out in 1989, after 24 years at Moon Valley, with a 167-85-5 record. The popular coach was a runaway winner for 1982 coach of the year honors.

Bear, the Rockets' all-state tackle, landed a scholarship to Arizona State, and was a member of the Sun Devils' Pac-10 championship team which beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. Guard Mike Nelson and defensive back Ron Walker



Neither ran, mud or Trevor Browne High kept Moon Valley head coach Earl Putman from the victory stand (Phoenix Gazette photo).

joined Bear on the 5A all-state team. Quarterback John Brouse, guard Jim Youngblood, place kicker Barry Duncan, and defensive linemen John Bonnell and Ken Schiffbauer also earned post-season honors.

As a defensive unit, the '82 Rockets were a real menace, giving up a touch-

down or less to 10 different opponents. They intercepted 22 enemy passes and recorded six shutouts, three in a row in October. Offensively they scored 30 or more points nine times, with a 57-0 win over Paradise Valley the high point mark of the season. Overall they scored a school record 474 points and totaled 4,756 yards in 14 games.

Historically, one thing was missing from the 1982 Phoenix football scene: Phoenix Union, for the first time since statehood, didn't field a team. The once proud Phoenix city school closed in the spring. A school which had more than 6,000 students in 1963, which had sent more graduates into the college ranks than any Arizona school, and won a state record 25 state football championships, closed its doors for good.

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-Coach Earl Putman

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Fiesta Bowl II a Track Meet

Al Onofrio wasn't surprised. Disappointed but not surprised. The head coach of the Missouri Tigers just watched his team get run over by the best offense in college football. Maybe the best ever.

"I used to coach at Arizona State," said Onofrio recently, who resides in Tempe. "Way back with Dan Devine. We had a good staff, with Dan, (Frank) Kush, and (Cecil) Coleman. They had great speed then."

But on this December night in 1972, before 51,318 fans in Tempe (and a limited television audience), the Big 8 rep ran into the fastest football team on the planet. When the final seconds ticked down, A-State's nationally ranked team, 10-2 on the season, was 2-0 in Fiesta Bowl games following a 49-35 win.

It wasn't that close

A last-minute score by Tommy Reaman and a 100-yard kickoff return by the Tigers' Mike Fink made the score close. "They are everything we ever heard about, or read about" said Fink, the game's most valuable defensive player. "Their speed is unreal."

When asked in the locker room how he thought A-State would do in the Big 8, a conference ruled by Nebraska and Oklahoma, Onofrio replied, "How do I think they'd do? That's a stupid question. We just gave up 50 points and 1,000 yards in about 20 minutes. How do you think they'd do? There's no way you can stop speed like Arizona State's unless you have speed too."

Actually, Onofrio's game but out-manned team gave up 49 points, 33 first downs and a bowl record 718 yards. Amazingly, Arizona State's "time of possession" was only 17 minutes.

This Sun Devil club, like most teams coached by Kush, looked good even when they played bad. Cases in point: During the Devils' two losses, they scored 43 and 31 points. First to Wyoming on the road in Laramie, then to a fired-up Air Force team in Tempe.

But in the Fiesta Bowl they were near-perfect. Junior Woody Green capped a great season with four rushing touchdowns. He carried 25 times for 202 net yards. Fullback Brent McClanahan also broke the 100-yard barrier, gaining 171 yards on 26 carries and scoring once. Quarterback Danny White, another junior, passed for 226 yards and two touchdowns as the Devils won their third straight bowl game.



White (11), just a junior, passed for 226 yards and two touchdowns, while Green (22) gained 202 yards and scored four times (Tempe Daily News photo).

Overall, A-State's '72 team set a modern major-college record by scoring 513 points. Since NCAA statistics were first tabulated in 1937, the most points ever scored in a single season was 504 by Army's wartime champs of 1944. Army needed only nine games to total that, so their 56.0 average topped the Sun Devils' 46.6.

Danny White was the most productive quarterback in all of college football this year. He passed for one touchdown every 5.4 completions, and one TD every 10.4

attempts. In touchdowns responsible (TDs scored and passed), he produced a six-pointer every 10 plays. The Sun Devils 5,681 yards total offense was a WAC record.

"They are probably the best offensive team in the country," said New Mexico coach Rudy Feldman after a 60-7 loss in Tempe, a game in which ASU backs rushed for 481 yards and scored eight times. "There is not a college or professional team in the U.S.A. that can match ASU's speed."

"I'm going to vote the Sun Devils first and second in the WAC, and third in the NFL," wrote sports writer John Mooney of the **Salt Lake Tribune**, after ASU knocked out Utah (59-48) and BYU (49-17) on consecutive weekends. "All you hear about is Arizona State's speed," added BYU mentor LaVell Edwards. "And that's about all we did in the second half - hear it."

ABC play-by-play announcer Bud Wilkinson, the former Oklahoma head coach, best summed it up after the Devils' 33-28 opening season win over Houston on television: "There is no substitute for speed. They are truly the fastest collegiate team in America."

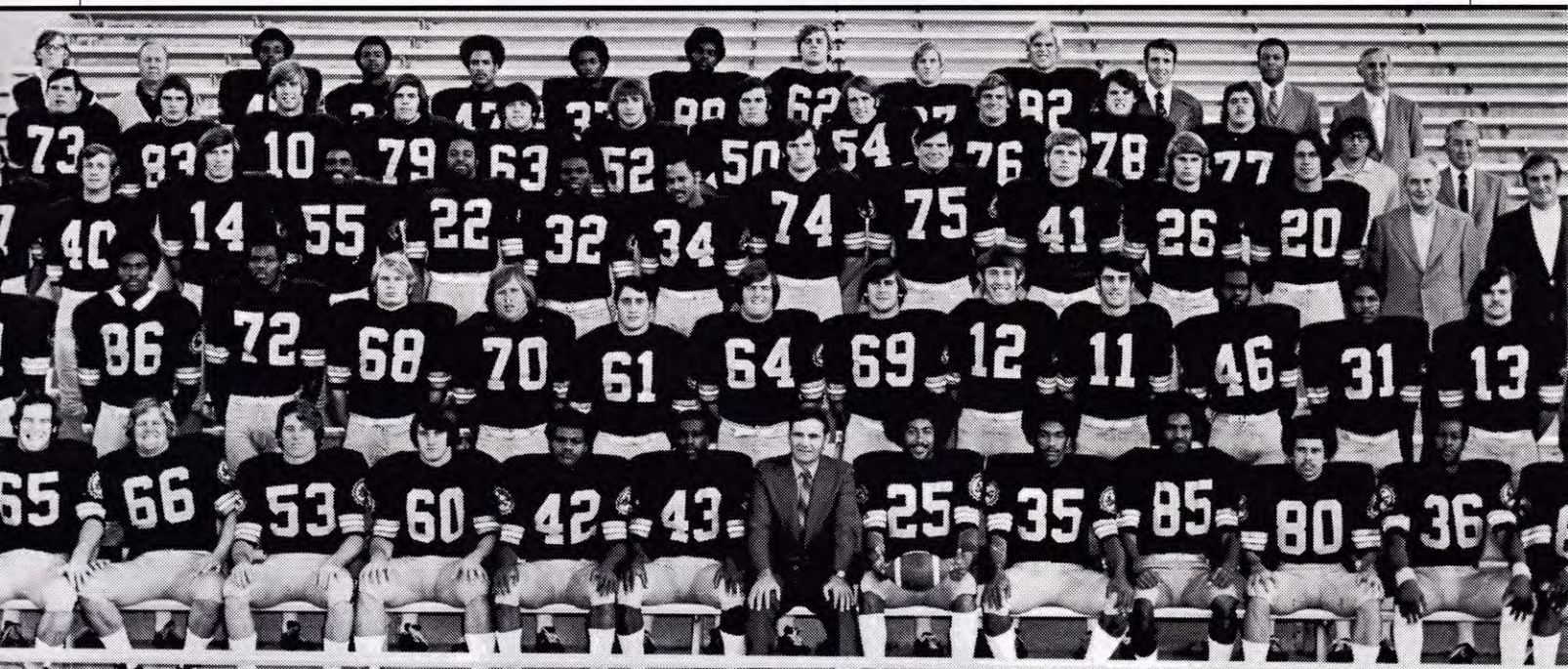
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| Devils 56 | Kansas State 14 |
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| Devils 38 | Oregon State 7 |
| Devils 59 | Utah 48 |
| Devils 49 | BYU 17 |
| Devils 31 | Air Force 39 (L) |
| Devils 55 | Texas-El Paso 14 |
| Devils 60 | New Mexico 7 |
| Devils 51 | San Jose State 21 |
| Devils 38 | Arizona 21 |

FIESTA BOWL

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| Devils 49 | Missouri 35 |
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40 years ago (1962)

Remember the Titans

Scottsdale Arcadia head coach Bob Hendricks, an all-star quarterback in his own playing days, felt he knew how to derail Tucson's high-scoring and No. 1-ranked Badgers.

The former Arizona State quarterback's team almost shutout favored Tucson, which was averaging 35.7 points and 400 yards per game with their "Spinning T" formation.

The Titans' strategy was to jam the Tucson center and alter the quarterback's timing. At the start of the 1962 state championship game, Badger signal caller Delbert Salazar was stepped on as the Arcadia nose guard, Richard Gray, jammed the Tucson center, knocking him back into Salazar. Tucson, one of the finest ball-handling teams in the high school ranks, fumbled five times. Final score: Arcadia 40, Tucson 7.

"We noticed on film that their ball handling was so good it was hard to tell where the football was," said Hendricks after the game. "But their quarterback turned his back to the defense. We've been jamming centers all year and tonight Richard Gray had it down to perfection."

Gray, a 6-2, 210-pound junior, played nose-to-nose on three different Tucson centers most of the night.

"We knew they were a good team," Hendricks added, "But we just got the jump on them. I guess Tucson didn't expect us to be as tough as we were."

Hendricks, still breathless from being carried across the field by his players, pointed to his blue-shirted Titans, "They were really up for this game. They wanted it real bad."

Tucson players left Sun Devil Stadium shell-shocked. After running up 10 straight wins, including an impressive 21-12 win over Phoenix Union in the semifinals, they had been completely out-classed.

"We weren't ready for this one," Tucson coach John Mallamo said. "But I can't take anything away from Arcadia. They were tough."

Arcadia's brawny line frustrated the usually menacing Badgers, who had looked so impressive against Phoenix Union (and All-American linebacker Fred Carr), and during regular season play. Against Arcadia, Tucson was a 12-point favorite.

But tackles Bob Bertelsen, a University of Kansas signee, and Gary Swift, an Oregon State signee, along with Gray,



Face of Arcadia's Bob Hendricks shows tense moment as he gives quarterback John Propstra instructions during 40-7 state championship win over Tucson. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

manhandled Tucson's line, and forced Salazar to rush his assignments.

The Titans, playing in their second state championship game in three years, turned two pass interceptions, a fumble,

"We noticed on film that their ball handling was so good it was hard to tell where the football was. But their quarterback turned his back to the defense. We've been jamming centers all year and tonight Richard Gray had it down to perfection."

- Bod Hendricks

and three sustained drives into a 20-0 halftime lead. On defense, they stuffed the Badgers' talented backfield, which included Mike Green, Lennie Don, and Clyde and Jimmy Williams.

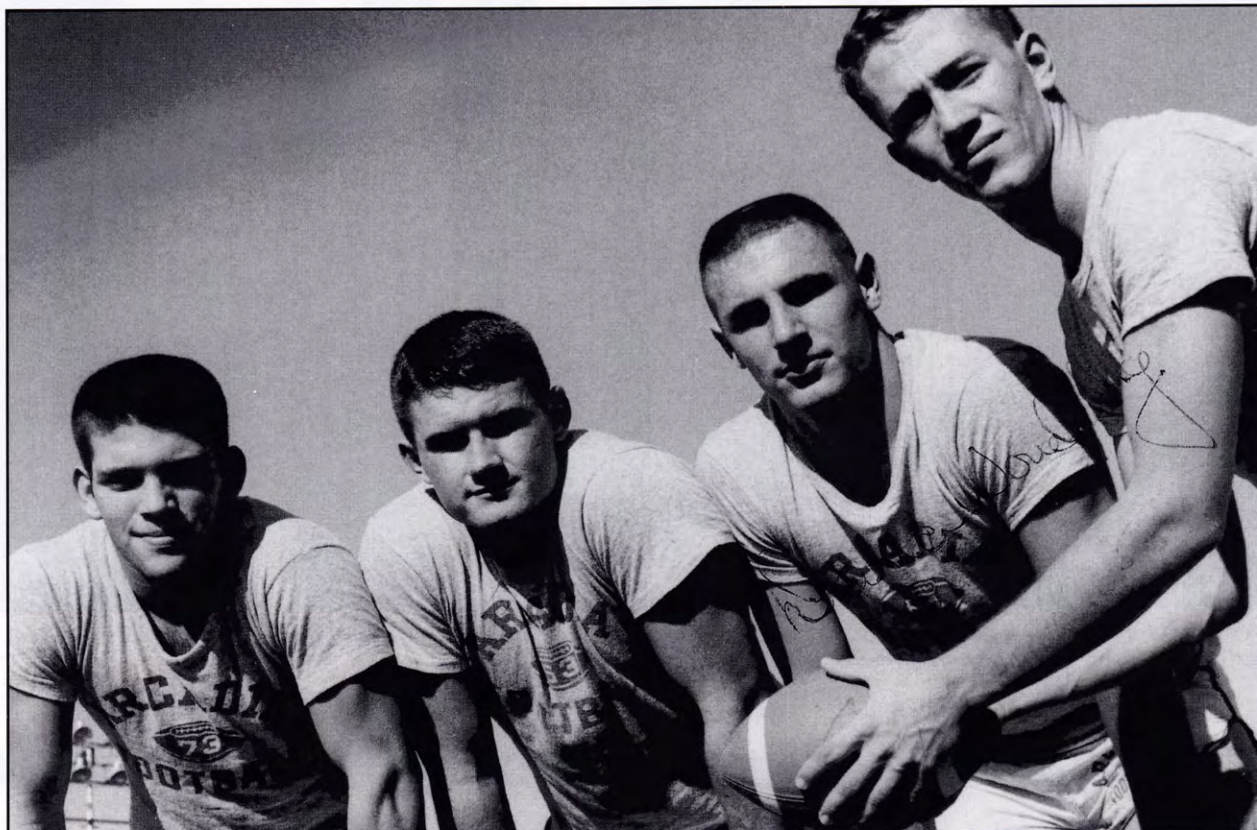
Arcadia's backfield of John Propstra, Everett "Moose" Rollins, Pat McGinty and Dana Woudenberg was unstoppable. Rollins, the Arizona Player of the Year, scored three touchdowns, McGinty scored two, and Woudenberg, a 207-pound junior who latter attended USC, capped the scoring with a 56-yard sprint in the final period. Junior James "Nicky" Nichols ran 71 yards for a score which was erased by a clipping penalty.

After the season, the *National Sports News Service*, located in Minneapolis, ranked Arcadia No.8 in the U.S.A., the highest national ranking by an Arizona school since Phoenix Union landed the No. 7 spot in 1954.

By JEFF KRIDER



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Arcadia's all-star backfield, L-R: halfback Pat McGinty, halfback Everett "Moose" Rollins, fullback Dana Woudenberg and quarterback John Propstra.

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Class 5A all-state quarterback Joey Vincent, a New Mexico State signee, passed for 2,183 yards and rushed for 1,049, leading Chandler Hamilton to the state finals (Steve Paynter photos).

4A Players, Teams Flex Their Muscles

By **BARRY SOLLENBERGER**

When it comes to recruiting potential college football talent, college scouts are finding the Arizona 4A ranks prime hunting grounds. In fact, in the past decade, almost as many players from 4A schools have signed with Division I schools as the larger 5A institutions.

Last fall, Sunnyslope quarterback **Mike Nixon**, the Arizona Player of the Year who signed with UCLA, became the seventh 4A player in the past 10 years to earn state player of the year honors.

Nixon, a varsity starter since his freshman year, earned a one-year stay at Sunnyslope for the **Vic Householder Trophy**, given annually to the school who produces the state football player of the year. Nixon and head coach Dallas Hickman were presented the four-foot-tall trophy in January, at the **Scottsdale Quarterback Club's** annual Super All-State luncheon. The trophy is named after the late *Arizona Republic* columnist and sports guru, who is considered the "father of the all-state teams."

During Nixon's varsity career the Vikings' quarterback/safety/kicker passed for a state record 8,091 yards and 74 touchdowns. He scored 20 touchdowns rushing, intercepted 16 passes, kicked 25 field goals and 129 extra points. During his senior year he averaged 44.2 yards per punt.

Last year, the Vikings near-perfect season ended in a 27-24 double-overtime loss to Phoenix Greenway in the state quarterfinals. But it wasn't Nixon's last game as a Viking. In the Arizona High School All-Star Game in June, in which the 4A schools faced the larger 5A teams, Nixon returned a fumble 23 yards for a score, ran in from 6-yards out on a quarterback keeper, and secured a 25-11 victory with a late pass interception.

Overall, it was a great June for Nixon, his family and friends. An outstanding catcher in baseball, he was picked in the third round of the major league baseball draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

While Nixon closed out a stellar four-year varsity career, Saguaro's **Kellen Bradley** almost put together the best

single season performance in Arizona history. The Sabercats' stunning loss to Tucson Sunnyside in the 4A semifinals prevented Bradley from reaching the top of the record books. Still, the future ASU player completed 63% of his passes for 2,929 yards and 38 touchdowns. He threw just 10 interceptions.

The 4A all-star backfield also included McClintock running back **Randy Hill**, and Tempe's **Maurice Smith**, at 5-5, 155-pounds the smallest player on the field. But during the regular season Smith was a giant of a player. While leading the Buffaloes to a berth in the semifinals, he rushed for a school record 2,321 yards and scored 30 touchdowns. Last fall Hill, an Arizona State signee, did damage of his own. He gained 2,330 yards and scored 36 times and 220 points - both state highs.

Phoenix Camelback produced its best team in years, thanks to a talented junior class and senior tailback **Marques Broom**. The 5-10, 170-pound scatback gained 1,511 yards and scored 27 touchdowns for the Spartans, which saw their



Marques Broom
Camelback



Maurice Smith
Tempe

season end in a playoff loss to Scottsdale Horizon. In that game Camelback gave the Huskies all they could handle in a 27-21 nailbiter.

The Phoenix area was loaded with good wideouts, and most of them resided in Chandler. Big **Adam Mannon** of state finalist Hamilton, another top-notch baseball prospect, led the state with 68 receptions for 1,081 yards and 15 touchdowns. An ASU baseball signee, Mannon was selected in the 17th round by the Milwaukee Brewers. Across town little **Josh Jordan**, the two-time state long jump champ, averaged 24.3 yards on 40 catches - best in the state - and scored 12 touchdowns. Last spring his 24-foot, 3-inch long jump at the Great Southwest

2001 STATE-WIDE AWARDS

Coach of the Year

Richard Sanchez,
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5A Player of the Year

Mike Falco,
Scottsdale Horizon

4A Player of the Year

Mike Nixon,
Phoenix Sunnyslope

3A Player of the Year

Adam Moro,
Lakeside Blue Ridge

2A Player of the Year

(TIE) Michael Romney &
Sean Hinton,
Thatcher

*2001 Super All-State

OFFENSE

| Pos. | Player / High School / Size | Head Coach |
|------|---|------------------|
| QB | Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-3, 203 | Dallas Hickman |
| | Kellen Bradley, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-3, 190 | Stuart Goldstein |
| RB | Randy Hill, Tempe McClintock, 6-1, 190 | Dick Baniszewski |
| RB | Marques Broom, Phoenix Camelback, 5-10, 170 | Daryl Phillips |
| RB | Maurice Smith, Tempe Union, 5-5, 155 | Tim McBurney |
| WR | Adam Mannon, Chandler Hamilton, 6-2, 200 | John Wrenn |
| WR | Josh Jordan, Chandler, 5-7, 157 (jr) | Jim Ewan |
| TE | Zachery Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-3, 215 (so) | Jim Rattay |
| OL | Stephen Berg, Tucson Canyon del Oro, 6-6, 306 | Pat Nugent |
| OL | Clayton Walker, Scottsdale Horizon, 6-4, 270 | Doug Shaffer |
| OL | Taitusi Lutui, Mesa, 6-3, 330 | Bill McKane |
| OL | Jason Karcher, Tempe McClintock, 6-4, 310 | Dick Baniszewski |
| OL | Chaz White, St. Johns, 6-5, 315 | Mike Morgan |
| AT | Mike Falco, Scottsdale Horizon, 5-10, 190 | Doug Shaffer |
| P | Nick Johnson, Scottsdale Horizon, 6-1, 185 | Doug Shaffer |

DEFENSE

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|----|--|------------------|
| DB | Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-3, 203 | Dallas Hickman |
| DB | Jason Pride, Prescott, 6-1, 180 | Lou Beneitone |
| DB | Robert James, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-1, 185 | Tom Bruney |
| DB | Eric Anderson, Phoenix Camelback, 6-2, 200 (jr) | Daryl Phillips |
| DL | Mike Talbot, Avondale Agua Fria, 6-2, 230 | Kelly Epley |
| DL | DeAndre Johnson, South Mountain, 6-2, 240 | Cleveland Dansby |
| DL | Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-5, 275 | Stuart Goldstein |
| DL | Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-3, 250 (jr) | Stuart Goldstein |
| LB | Adam Moro, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-11, 188 | Paul Moro |
| LB | Spencer Larsen, Gilbert Highland, 6-2, 220 | Mike Reardon |
| LB | Mike Green, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-0, 225 | Jimmy Jones |
| PK | Erik Contos, Mesa Red Mountain, 5-10, 170 | Jimmy Jones |
| KR | Joel Filani, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 204 | Don Yantis |

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Track Classic was one of the 10 best in the nation. The Wolves' talented pass catcher was just a junior.

Athletically, few players were as versatile as Horizon's **Mike Falco**, one of the best ever under coach Doug Shaffer. The Huskies talented senior, a Rice University signee, amassed 2,081 yards rushing and receiving in an injury-plagued year, scoring 28 touchdowns in the process.

It was another banner year in the trenches for Arizona's schoolboy products. All five members of the Super All-State interior line signed with major universities. Two, Canyon del Oro's **Stephen Berg** (6-6, 306) and St. Johns **Chaz White** (6-5, 315), signed with Arizona State. So impressive was White's performance in the 2A All-Star game, he was selected MVP of the contest, a rarity for linemen in all-star games. Horizon's **Clayton Walker** (Washington), Mesa's

Taitusi Lutui (Utah) and McClintock's **Jason Karcher** (Wyoming), round out the interior line.

Defensively, almost every player ended up in Division I schools, or major league baseball teams. Prescott's **Jason Pride**, the Arizona Player of the Year in baseball, was picked in the second round of major league's baseball draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. One of the Badgers' all-time greats, Pride caught seven touchdown passes and scored six rushing, and lead his team in interceptions with six from his safety position.

Not to be overlooked is Agua Fria's **Mike Talbot**, the Owls' All-American track & field star. The 6-2, 230-pound fullback/linebacker/defensive end, another ASU signee, threw the discus 196-feet, 6-inches at the 4A state meet, one of the best throws in the United States this year, and the fifth best in Arizona history.

*2001 All-State Teams

CLASS 5A

Offense:

QB Joey Vincent, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 190
 RB Mike Falco, Scottsdale Horizon, 5-10, 190
 RB Marques Broom, Phoenix Camelback, 5-10, 170
 RB Jarett Sayas, Tempe Desert Vista, 5-11, 195 (jr)
 WR Adam Mannon, Chandler Hamilton, 6-3, 200
 WR Josh Jordan, Chandler, 5-7, 157 (jr)
 TE Zachery Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-3, 215 (so)
 OC Mike Payne, Gilbert, 6-1, 220
 OL Stephen Berg, Tucson Canyon del Oro, 6-6, 306
 OL Clayton Walker, Scottsdale Horizon, 6-4, 270
 OL Taitusi Lutui, Mesa, 6-3, 330
 OL Cade Becher, Peoria, 6-4, 294
 PK Erik Contos, Mesa Red Mountain, 5-10, 170
 P Nick Johnson, Scottsdale Horizon, 6-1, 185 (47.2)

Defense:

DB Robert James, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-1, 185
 DB Eric Anderson, Phoenix Camelback, 6-2, 200 (jr)
 DB Andy Holden, Gilbert, 6-2, 180
 DB C. J. Rogers, Mesa Mountain View, 5-11, 180
 LB Spencer Larsen, Gilbert Highland, 6-2, 220
 LB Mike Greene, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-0, 225
 LB Ammon Wolfley, Peoria, 6-2, 205 (jr)
 DL De Andre Johnson, South Mountain, 6-2, 240
 DL Aaron Fernandez, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-1, 240 (so)
 DL Jadon Dailey, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-0, 260
 DL Turner Bingham, Chandler Hamilton, 6-4, 255
 KR Joel Filani, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 204

CLASS 4A

Offense

QB Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-3, 203
 Kellen Bradley, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-3, 190
 RB Randy Hill, Tempe McClintock, 6-1, 190
 RB Maurice Smith, Tempe Union, 5-5, 155
 RB Philo Sanchez, Tucson Sunnyside, 5-7, 176
 TE A.J. Cooper, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-2, 205
 WR Andy Hall, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-4, 200
 WR Wes James, Glendale Cactus, 5-10, 160
 OL Jason Karcher, Tempe McClintock, 6-4, 310
 OL Andrew Luckenbill, Phoenix Greenway, 6-3, 240
 OL Eric Folger, Prescott, 6-0, 255
 OL Brey Vacchina, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-1, 315
 OL Aaron Esquivel, Tucson Sunnyside, 5-11, 285
 PK Buddy Bloomgren, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-0, 185
 P Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope (44.2)

Defense

DB Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-3, 203
 DB Jason Pride, Prescott, 6-1, 180
 DB Cory Marshall, Tempe Union, 5-11, 170
 DB Andre Bailey, Tempe McClintock, 6-0, 190
 DL Mike Talbot, Avondale Agua Fria, 6-2, 230
 DL Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-5, 275
 DL Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-3, 250 (jr)
 DL Ben Siegert, Glendale Cactus, 6-3, 260
 LB Lyle Sendlein, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-5, 230
 LB John Cole, Tempe Union, 6-3, 240
 LB Gilbert Gallaher, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-0, 215
 KR Maurice Smith, Tempe Union

CLASS 3A

Offense

QB Randy Youtsey, Coolidge, 6-0, 155
 RB Paul Ensman, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-11, 180
 RB Mike Allred, Willcox, 6-0, 200
 RB Mike Montgomery, River Valley, 5-9, 170
 WR Josh Jacobson, Snowflake, 5-9, 165
 WR Lavon Salabye, Ganado, 5-10, 155
 OC Richard Watkins, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-10, 180
 OL Johnny Antoni, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-2, 220
 OL Nick Pecora, Wickenburg, 6-2, 272
 OL John Mosley, Coolidge, 5-10, 250
 OL Travis Thompson, Willcox, 6-2, 210
 K Brandon Nazario, Winslow, 5-10, 165

Defense

LB Adam Moro, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-11, 188
 LB Mike Allred, Willcox, 6-0, 200
 LB John Nelson, Parker, 6-0, 190
 DL Jake Roberts, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-0, 180
 DL John Mosley, Coolidge, 5-10, 250
 DL Chance Williams, Fountain Hills, 6-0, 280
 DL Isreal Ibarra, Eloy Santa Cruz, 5-8, 166
 DB Randy Youtsey, Coolidge, 6-0, 155
 DB Jon Ferris, Parker, 5-10, 170
 DB Matt Garcia, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-9, 160
 DB Bryant Elkins, Snowflake, 5-11, 175 (jr)
 KR Randy Youtsey, Coolidge

CLASS 2A

Offense

QB Ryan Hoffner, Phoenix NWCC, 6-2, 170 (jr)
 RB Sean Hinton, Thatcher, 6-1, 215
 RB Willie Blair, Morenci, 6-0, 160
 RB Quinton Bellamy, Phoenix Bourgade, 5-11, 180 (jr)
 WR Drew Bohannon, Phoenix NWCC, 5-9, 159 (jr)
 WR Brock Brown, Pima, 6-1, 175
 OL Chaz White, St. Johns, 6-5, 315
 OL Jason Voss, Chandler Valley Christian, 6-4, 240
 OL Levi Mack, Thatcher, 6-5, 250
 OL Isaac LaVant, Phoenix Christian, 6-1, 260
 OL Chad Bryce, Pima, 6-3, 260
 K Greg Bouton, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 180

Defense

LB Sean Hinton, Thatcher, 6-1, 215
 LB Jarom Lunt, Duncan, 6-2, 185
 LB Brandon Isaac, Phoenix Christian, 5-10, 225
 DL Jason Voss, Chandler Valley Christian, 6-4, 240
 DL Steven Lunt, Thatcher, 6-0, 210
 DL Russ Richardson, Phoenix Christian, 6-2, 260
 DL Adam Conovaloff, Phoenix NWCC, 5-9, 170
 DB Quinton Bellamy, Phoenix Bourgade, 5-11, 180 (jr)
 DB Michael Romney, Thatcher, 6-1, 190
 DB Kevin Bauer, Arizona Lutheran, 6-1, 175
 DB Quinton McCoy, Chandler Valley Christian, 5-11, 168
 KR Willie Blair, Morenci, 6-0, 160

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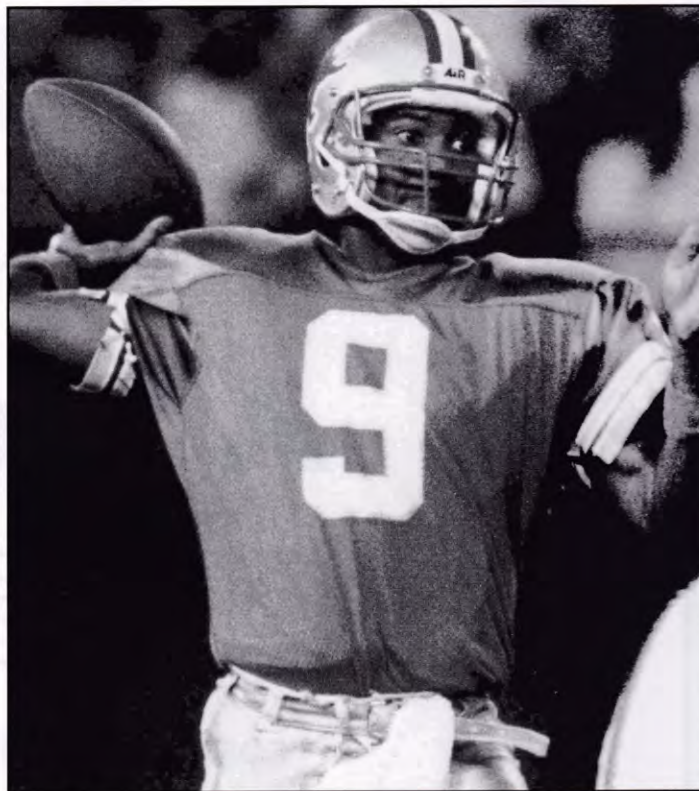
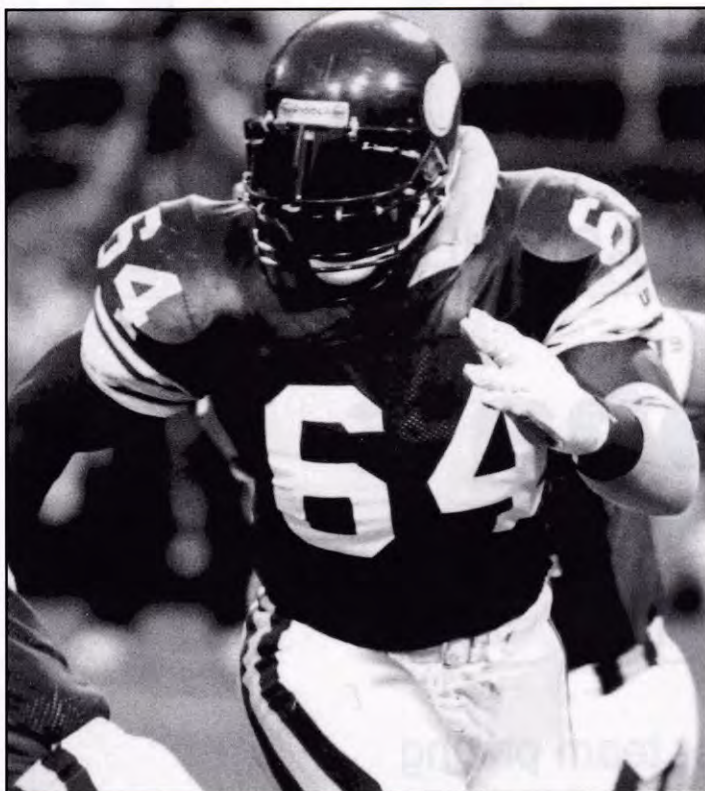
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Randall McDaniel, shown here with the Minnesota Vikings, ended his 14-year NFL career, while that of former high school player of the year Rodney Peete, shown above with the Detroit Lions, continues with the Carolina Panthers.

Former Agua Fria Pro Hangs it Up

By **SAMMY WRIGHT**

He came out of Avondale's Agua Fria High in 1983 as a highly touted tight end. He was one of the schools best-ever athletes, excelling in football, basketball and track, where he threw the discus. But little did **Randall McDaniel** know that his football career would last 18 more seasons.

McDaniel, recently a Tampa Bay Buccaneer guard, retired in February after 14 NFL seasons, including an NFL-record 12 straight Pro Bowl starts. At age 37, McDaniel was in danger of being cut as the Bucs struggled to meet a deadline to comply with the NFL's salary cap. His retirement saved the franchise \$2 million against the cap.

"It's been an incredible journey," said McDaniel, who played his first 12 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, and started his last 202 games, the league's second-longest current streak. "Now it's time to end this chapter of my life."

McDaniel was one of 31 former Arizona schoolboy products on active NFL rosters last fall. But his career took a

surprising turn after his second season at Arizona State. In 1984, at 6-foot 5, 248 pounds, he started ASU's final six games at quick guard after playing third-string tight end the previous year. He practiced only eight days at guard before starting.

"He had superstar written all over him," claimed Sun Devil line coach **Tom Freeman** at the time. "He's an excellent athlete who possesses very quick feet."

"That switch from tight end to guard, although he might have done it reluctantly, made him a millionaire," said McDaniel's former high school coach Pat Lavin.

Everybody benefited. Within two years of the switch Arizona State was in the Rose Bowl, where they defeated Michigan 22-15 with an offensive line made up entirely of Arizona products: McDaniel, center **Kevin Thomas** (Canyon del Oro), tackle **Danny Villa** (Nogales), guard **Todd Kalis** (Phoenix Thunderbird) and tackle **Jim Warne** (Tempe). All but Warne played in the NFL.

Close behind McDaniel in longevity is former Tucson Sahuaro quarterback **Rodney Peete**, *Phoenix Metro*

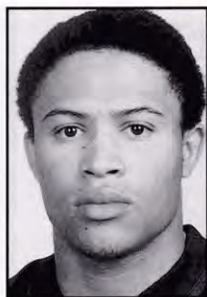
Football Magazine's 1982 Arizona Player of the Year as a junior. The tight end on that dream team was McDaniel, who was a senior. Peete broke more than a few Tucson Sahuaro hearts when he moved to Kansas City before his senior year.

But his college choice was USC, where he led the Trojans to back-to-back Rose Bowls and finished runnerup in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1988 - to **Barry Sanders**. Starting with the Detroit Lions the next year, Peete has called signals, as a backup or a starter, for Dallas, Philadelphia, Oakland and now Carolina during a 13-year NFL career. Entering the upcoming 2002 season, Peete is listed as the Panthers' No. 2 quarterback behind **Chris Weinke**.

However, both McDaniel and Peete play second fiddle to former Scottsdale Saguro product **Dale Hellestrae** when it comes to longevity. Hellestrae earned all-city honors in both football and basketball before attending Scottsdale Community College and later Southern Methodist. Sixteen years later he completed what might have been his last pro season, as the long snapper for the



JEFF FEAGLES
Gerard



MIKE BROWN
Saguaro

Baltimore Ravens.

"It might work out this summer and it might not," said Hellestrae in June, when asked about the possibility of a 17th NFL season. "If not it's been a great ride. Who would have guessed? In high school I was center for the basketball team."

Not to be overlooked is Seattle Seahawk punter **Jeff Feagles**, a Phoenix and Miami of Florida product. Feagles high school - Gerard Catholic - closed, but his leg is very much alive. Last year was his 14th season in the league, kicking for New England, Philadelphia, Arizona and Seattle in that order. Feagles' former high school, located at 44th Street & Oak, closed its doors during his first year in the NFL.

Another victim of the NFL salary cap - at least temporarily - is offensive tackle **John Fina**, the former Tucson Salpointe and University of Arizona star. Fina, the last link to the Buffalo Bills' four straight AFC championship teams, was released in June to allow the Bills to free close to \$3 million under the cap.

Surprisingly, all four of the Arizona quarterbacks on NFL rosters last year played backup roles, including Peete with the Raiders. The newcomer was Buffalo Bills signal caller **Travis Brown**, a Phoenix Moon Valley product and the second Northern Arizona University quarterback to reach this level since 1996. Two years ago former Lumberjack **Jeff Lewis** was a backup with the Carolina Panthers.

What more can be said about Chicago Bears defensive back **Mike Brown**, whose midseason heroics last year earned him praise throughout the league. In 1995, at Scottsdale Saguaro, Brown was the best high school player in the state, as a running back (35 touchdowns, 2,023 yards) and a defensive back. Four years later he was an All-American safety at Nebraska, and the defensive MVP of the Fiesta Bowl.

On an average, eight former Arizona

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The 31 former Arizona schoolboy products on active NFL rosters last year, the high schools they came from, colleges they attended, and pro teams:

OFFENSE:

| Pos | Player / High School / College | Pro Team |
|-----|---|----------------------|
| QB | Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (USC) | Oakland Raiders |
| QB | Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian (Louisiana Tech) | San Francisco 49ers |
| QB | Travis Brown, Phoenix Moon Valley (NAU) | Buffalo Bills |
| QB | Joe Germaine, Mesa Mountain View (Ohio State) | Kansas City Chiefs |
| RB | Trung Canidate, Phoenix Central (Arizona) | St. Louis Rams |
| RB | Robert Holcombe, Mesa (Illinois) | St. Louis Rams |
| RB | Stephen Trejo, Casa Grande (Arizona State) | Detroit Lions |
| TE | Jeremy Brigham, Scottsdale Saguaro (Washington) | Oakland Raiders |
| TE | Steve Bush, Paradise Valley (Arizona State) | Arizona Cardinals |
| TE | Todd Heap, Mountain View (Arizona State) | Baltimore Ravens |
| OL | Mike Malano, Scottsdale Horizon (San Diego State) | Minnesota Vikings |
| OL | Dale Hellestra, Scottsdale Saguaro (SMU) | Baltimore Ravens |
| OL | Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria (Arizona State) | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| OL | John Tait, Tempe McClintock (BYU) | Kansas City Chiefs |
| OL | Frank Garcia, Phoenix Maryvale (Washington) | St. Louis Rams |
| OL | John Fina, Tucson Salpointe (Arizona) | Buffalo Bills |
| OL | Brian Jennings, Red Mountain (Arizona State) | San Francisco 49ers |
| OL | Joe Brown, Catalina Foothills (Ohio State) | Seattle Seahawks |
| P | Jeff Feagles, Phoenix Gerard (Miami, Fla.) | Seattle Seahawks |
| P | Nick Harris, Tolleson Westview (California) | Cincinnati Bengals |

DEFENSE:

| | | |
|----|--|---------------------|
| DB | Darren Woodson, Phoenix Maryvale (Arizona State) | Dallas Cowboys |
| DB | Terry Fair, South Mountain (Tennessee) | Detroit Lions |
| DB | Eric Johnson, Phoenix Alhambra (Nebraska) | Oakland Raiders |
| DB | Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro (Nebraska) | Chicago Bears |
| DB | Raymond Perryman, South Mountain (NAU) | Oakland Raiders |
| LB | Sean Harris, Tucson (Arizona) | Indianapolis Colts |
| LB | Marcus Bell, St. Johns (Arizona) | Seattle Seahawks |
| LB | Adam Archuleta, Chandler (Arizona State) | St. Louis Rams |
| LB | Jason Kyle, Tempe McClintock (Arizona State) | Carolina Panthers |
| DL | Shawn Swayda, Phoenix Brophy (Arizona State) | Atlanta Falcons |
| KR | Michael Bates, Tucson Amphitheater (Arizona) | Washington Redskins |

DRAFTED NEWCOMERS:

| | | |
|----|--|---------------------|
| DB | Rashad Bauman, South Mountain (Oregon) | Washington Redskins |
| OL | Levi Jones, Eloy Santa Cruz (Arizona State) | Cincinnati Bengals |
| OL | Travis Scott, Mesa Westwood (Arizona State) | St. Louis Rams |
| OL | Kyle Kosier, Glendale Cactus (Arizona State) | San Francisco 49ers |

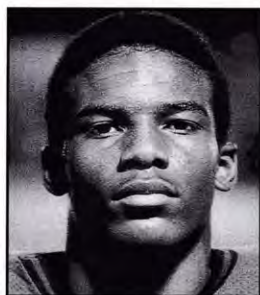
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high school products hook up with NFL teams each year, as draft picks or free agents. Among drafted newcomers were two former Arizona stars from opposite ends of the scale, South Mountain defensive back **Rashad Bauman** (5-8, 175) and Eloy Santa Cruz tackle **Levi Jones** (6-6, 310).

Bauman, drafted in the third round by the Washington Redskins, was the 1996 Class 5A Player of the Year, as a running back, kick returner and defensive back. He was the recipient of the **Tyrone Byrd Award**, named after the former

Chandler High star, given annually to the state's best defensive back. Jones, a product of one of Arizona's most historic high school football programs, is the first Eloy product to reach the NFL since Eddie Cade (another ASU product) played with Buffalo several years back. Jones was a first round pick of the Bengals.

Which 2001 NFL team had the most Grand Canyon State products? The Super Bowl runnerup Rams with four: **Trung Canidate**, **Robert Holcombe**, **Frank Garcia**, and rookie sensation **Adam Archuleta**.



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TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

8.....C.R. Davis, Moon Valley, 2000
7.....Corry Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
7.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
7.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
6.....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
6.....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
6.....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
6.....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
6.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
6.....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
6.....Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
6.....Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986
6.....Andrew McCormick, McClintock, '90
6.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)
6.....Skeeter Brown, Mtn. Pointe, 1994
6.....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994
6.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
6.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
6.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1998
6.....Cornell Canidate, Alhambra, 2000
6.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

41.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1998
39.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
38.....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
37.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
36.....Randy Hill, McClintock, 2001
35.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
34.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
34.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1993
34.....Micah Barton, Phoenix Christian, 1996
34.....Travis Gammage, Cortez, 1998
33.....Corry Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
32.....Danny Reynolds, VCHS, 1996
32.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
32.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1999

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

83.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
76.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
76.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
72.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
71.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
69.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1997-98
63.....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
63.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
61.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58

POINTS (GAME)

50.....C.R. Davis, Moon Valley, 2000
42.....Corry Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
42.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
42.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)

POINTS (SEASON)

246.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1998
236.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
228.....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
222.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
220.....Randy Hill, McClintock, 2001
216.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1993
213.....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
210.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995

POINTS (CAREER)

517.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
460.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
456.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
440.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
434.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
415.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1997-98
386.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
383.....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
378.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
376.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

409.....Maurice Smith, Tempe, 2001
388.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
367.....Terrell Suggs, Hamilton, 1999
358.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
354.....Maurice Smith, Tempe, 2001
353.....Brian Galbreath, Cortez, 1991
352.....Joel Huerta, Coronado, 1995 (so)
344.....Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
341.....Daryl Lightfoot, Maryvale, 1999 (jr)
339.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
334.....Paul Fichera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
333.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 1999 (jr)
331.....Darnell Autry, Tempe, 1993
331.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

2,601.....Keith Brown, Mountain Pointe, 1995
2,484.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
2,330.....Randy Hill, McClintock, 2001
2,321.....Maurice Smith, Tempe, 2001

2,274.....Terrell Suggs, Hamilton, 1999
2,230.....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994
2,224.....Micah Barton, Phoenix Christian, 1996
2,201.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
2,149.....Travis Gammage, Cortez, 1998
2,094.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
2,070.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2001 (jr)
2,036.....Mike Mantle, Coronado, 1996
2,030.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
2,027.....Corry Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
2,023.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

5,669.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
5,204.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
5,056.....Maurice Smith, Tempe, 1999-01
4,597.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
4,455.....Joel Huerta, Coronado, 1995-97
4,551.....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
4,438.....John Sanders, Thunderbird, 1993-95
4,417.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
4,341.....Daryl Lightfoot, Maryvale, 1998-00
4,307.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
4,252.....Cornell Canidate, Alhambra, 1998-00
4,240.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
4,128.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
4,119.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1993-95
4,081.....Randy Hill, McClintock, 1999-01

CARRIES (GAME)

51.....C.R. Davis, Moon Valley, 1999 (jr)
50.....C.R. Davis, Moon Valley, 2000
46.....Bud Norman, Tolleson, 1995

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

12.6.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955 (fr)
12.5.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1957 (jr)
12.3.....Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
12.0.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
12.0.....Robert Holcombe, Mesa, 1993
11.9.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1958
11.9.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1987 (jr)
11.8.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

99.....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
99.....Craig Ponczak, Gerard, 1964
99.....Wayne Jones, Dysart, 1972



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Last year Tolleson junior Marcus Thomas rushed for 2,070 yards and scored 25 touchdowns (Steve Paynter photo).

99.....Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
 99.....Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
 99.....Randy Carr, Central, 1986
 99.....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1993 (jr)
 99.....Trung Canidate, Central, 1994
 99.....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1994
 98.....Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
 98.....Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
 98.....Danny Arredondo, Tempe, 1952
 98.....Paul Fichera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
 98.....Craig Brown, Westview, 1994
 98.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
 98.....Kamron Scroggins, T. Browne, 2001(jr)

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

511.....Scott Martinez, Westview, 2000
 480.....Mike Strack, Centennial, 1997 (jr)
 479.....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 429.....Mark Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1998
 418.....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
 410.....Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2001
 404.....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 403.....Rick Johnson, Paradise Valley, 1983
 402.....Richard Lucero, South Mountain, 1997

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

3,462...Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 3,146...Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1999
 3,094...John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1998 (jr)
 3,009...Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
 2,929...Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2001
 2,768...Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1995
 2,683...Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1995
 2,669...John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
 2,646...Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
 2,636...Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 2001

2,566...Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
 2,539...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
 2,507...Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
 2,507...Dennis Gile, Cortez, 1998
 2,486...Mark Tefteller, Phx.Christian, 1998 (jr)
 2,486...Mark Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1999
 2,442...Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1996

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

8,091...Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1998-01
 7,239...Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1997-99
 7,089...John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1997-99
 6,441...Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1993-95
 6,350...Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1993-95
 6,346...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
 6,142...Mark Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1997-99
 6,064...Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

7.....Tommy Scott, Gilbert, 1926
 7.....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
 6.....Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924 (jr)
 6.....Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
 6.....Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
 6.....Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
 6.....Marco Burrue, Maryvale, 1997
 6.....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
 6.....John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1999

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

42.....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
 41.....Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1995
 40.....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
 38.....Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2001
 37.....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 36.....John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1998 (jr)

36.....Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1999
 34.....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 2001
 33.....Justin Echols, Greenway, 1998
 32.....Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1996
 31.....Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1995
 31.....Marco Burrue, Maryvale, 1997
 31.....Mark Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1999

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

83.....Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1993-95
 82.....John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1997-99
 78.....Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1997-99
 74.....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1998-01
 73.....Mark Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1997-99
 60.....Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1994-96
 58.....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
 58.....Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1993-95

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99.....Frank Zellner to Gloyes Lemons,
Buckeye, 1955
 99.....Doug Stitler to Curt Reiman,
Brophy Prep, 1978
 98.....Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,
Sunnyslope, 1960
 98.....Matt Saxe to Colin Fuel,
Washington, 1993
 98.....Ryan Leyba to DeRonn Finley,
Marcos de Niza, 1994

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

17.....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
 16.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 14.....Willie Haefs, Tempe, 1998
 14.....Andy Hall, Saguaro, 2001
 13.....Jason Birdsong, 1989 (jr)
 13.....David Stephens, Glendale, '90 (jr)
 12.....Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978
 12.....Adam Mesa, Gilbert, 1982
 12.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 12.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 12.....Shelby Hill, Central, 1988
 12.....Rick Huisman, Phx. Christian, 1998
 12.....Ryan Jones, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

84.....Travis Brun, Deer Valley, 1996
 76.....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
 76.....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
 75.....Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1996
 74.....Tariq McDonald, St. Mary's, 1995
 68.....Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
 68.....Adam Mannon, Hamilton, 2001
 66.....Brant Williams, Independence, 1986
 66.....Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
 66.....Matt Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1996 (jr)
 66.....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

166.....Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1993-96
 157.....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1997-99
 152.....Ernie Salazar, Paradise Valley, 1985-87
 148.....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 138.....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1993-95
 129.....Lee Resendes, Peoria, 1999-01
 126.....Matt Allen, Cactus, 1997-99
 123.....Sean Bowman, Phx.Christian, 1997-99



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RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

340.....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
 335.....Ruck Huisman, Phx. Christian, 1998
 315.....Mark Marcos, Centennial, 1997
 302.....Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)
 296.....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 292.....Cory Marshall, Tempe, 2001
 263.....Ryan Jones, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)
 258.....Jimmy Conner, Greenway, 1998
 255.....Brian Ruede, Brophy Prep, 1989
 247.....Ryan Jones, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)
 240.....Shelby Hill, Central, 1988
 234.....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 227.....Josh Jordan, Chandler, 2001 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,760...Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
 1,662...Jimmy Connor, Greenway, 1998
 1,298...Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1996
 1,226...Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 1,208...Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
 1,207...Cory Marshall, Tempe, 2001
 1,201...Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989
 1,190...Tariq McDonald, St. Mary's, 1995

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

3,333...Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1993-95
 2,724...Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1993-96
 2,508...Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 2,507...Lee Resendes, Peoria, 1999-01
 2,266...Matt Allen, Cactus, 1997-99
 2,239...Wayman Westbrooks, M'vale, 1995-97
 2,183...Sean Bowman, Phx.Christian, 1997-99
 2,172...Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

5.....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
 4.....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 4.....Merrill Brookings, Gilbert, 1926
 4.....Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
 4.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1961 (jr)
 4.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 4.....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 4.....Dan White, West, 1967
 4.....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969 (jr)
 4.....Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974
 4.....Shawn Harris, Tempe, 1988
 4.....Scott Mettham, Chaparral, 1988
 4.....Mike Collins, Mt. Pointe, 1993 (jr)
 4.....Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
 4.....Mike Allen, Cactus, 1994
 4.....David Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1995
 4.....Jerry Conner, Greenway, 1998
 4.....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1999
 4.....Sammy Moore, Westwood, 1999

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

23.....Jimmy Connor, Greenway, 1998
 21.....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
 21.....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
 20.....Tariq McDonald, St. Mary's, 1995
 17.....Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
 17.....David O'Hara, Cortez, 1998
 16.....Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1996
 15.....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
 15.....Wayman Westbrooks, Maryvale, 1997
 15.....Todd Heap, Mountain View, 1997

15.....Bristol Olomua, Red Mountain, 1998
 15.....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1998 (jr)
 15.....Ed Grigsby, Cactus, 1998 (jr)
 15.....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1999
 15.....Adam Mannon, Hamilton, 2001

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

35.....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1993-95
 34.....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1997-99
 33.....Sean Bowman, Phx.Christian, 1997-99
 32.....David Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1993-95

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5.....Conrad Flippin, Phoenix Union, 1930
 5.....Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
 4.....Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
 4.....Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
 4.....Bill Woodbridge, Phoenix Union, 1927
 4.....Seth Williams, Glendale, 1958
 4.....Jack Meck, Buckeye, 1958
 4.....Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
 4.....Ralph Quintero, Gilbert, 1966
 4.....Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
 4.....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
 4.....Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
 4.....Bret Baker, Saguaro, 1974 (jr)
 4.....Vince Martinez, Tempe, 1981
 4.....Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983
 4.....Rich Henkel, Horizon, 1984
 4.....Ty Hawkinson, Valley Christian, '90

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

15.....Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
 14.....Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979
 14.....Andy Zwingle, Peoria, 1979
 13.....Shawn Benson, Mesa, 1981
 13.....Scotty Malm, Phoenix Christian, 1986
 12.....Phil Havens, North, 1962
 12.....Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965 (jr)
 12.....Scott Hutson, Mountain View, 1983
 12.....Rhon McKinney, North, 1986
 12.....Andrae Thurman, Westview, 1997

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

26.....Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, '85-87
 24.....Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
 20.....Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86
 20.....Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1977-78

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)

105.....T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985 (jr)
 103.....John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
 103.....Armando Bernasconi, Seton, 1991 (jr)
 102.....Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
 102.....Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
 102.....Chris Enos, Cortez, 1982
 102.....Ty-Juan Swasey, Carl Hayden, 1996
 101.....Jarett Sayas, Desert Vista, 2001 (jr)
 100.....Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
 100.....Mike Smith, Phoenix Christian, 1962
 100.....David Given, McClintock, 1975
 100.....Scott Lubow, Shadow Mt., 1984
 100.....Brian Fair, South Mountain, 1988 (so)
 100.....Jerry Ingram, Independence, 1988
 100.....Al Sparks, Maryvale, 1990 (jr)
 100.....TyJuan Swasey, Carl Hayden, 1996
 100.....Matt Pacheco, St. Mary's, 2001 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

5.....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1996
 4.....Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
 4.....Phil Insalaco, Phx. Christian, 1984
 4.....Joe Ackie, Carl Hayden, 1990
 4.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 4.....Andy Schiesl, Chaparral, 1993 (so)
 4.....Terry Wood, Brophy Prep, 1995 (so)
 4.....Eric Oldenkamp, McClintock, 2000

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

19.....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
 16.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
 15.....Jeremy Kelley, Mt. View, 1995 (jr)
 15.....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1996
 13.....Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
 13.....Cameron Mark, Arcadia, 1993 (jr)
 12.....Randy Weiskittle, Brophy Prep, 1987
 12.....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
 12.....Mario Silva, St. Mary's, 1990
 12.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 12.....Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 1994 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

36.....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
 30.....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1994-96
 26.....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1984-86

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

62.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
 60.....Ramey Peru, Dobson, 1998
 58.....Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 1994 (jr)
 57.....Mike Johnson, Centennial, 1995
 57.....Todd Purdin, Saguaro, 1995
 56.....Lucas Coelho, Dobson, 1996
 55.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 55.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 55.....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1995
 55.....Nagui Sabbagh, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)
 55.....Erik Contos, Red Mountain, 2001

PATS (GAME)

11.....Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
 10.....Danny White, Westwood, 1969
 10.....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
 10.....Darin Madrigal, Mesa, 1993
 10.....Chris Nelson, North Canyon, 1997

PATS (SEASON)

78.....Sergi Sausedo, Agua Fria, 1998 (jr)
 70.....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
 69.....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
 66.....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
 63.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
 63.....Brian Golladay, Mountain View, 1999
 63.....Scott Lane, Chaparral, 1999

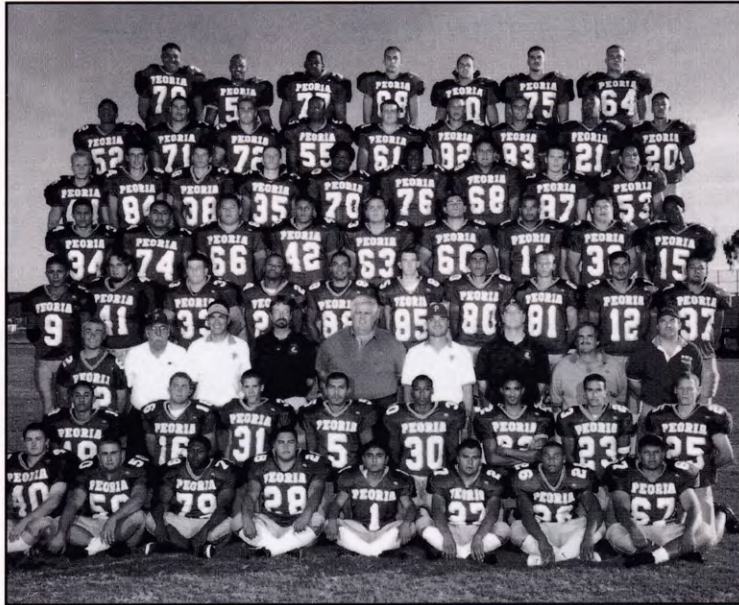
PATS (CAREER)

169.....Josh Lane, Phoenix Christian, 1994-97
 142.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89
 142.....Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 1993-95
 135.....Derek Lay, Maryvale, 1991-93
 134.....Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
 129.....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1998-01
 128.....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1993-95
 115.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80
 115.....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1985-87



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1995TARIQ McDONALD
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1994KENNY MITCHELL
.....Peoria
1993KENNY CHEATHAM
.....South Mountain
1992FREDDIE DODSON
.....Chandler
1991STEVE BUSH
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.....Glendale Cactus
1989JASON BIRDSOING
.....Glendale Cactus (jr)
1988ERIC DRAGE
.....Tucson Santa Rita
1987ORLANDO MCKAY
.....Mesa
1986ERIC GULIFORD
.....Peoria (jr)
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.....Tucson Sahuaro
1984TODD YOUNG
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
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.....Coolidge (jr)
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.....Phoenix St. Mary's
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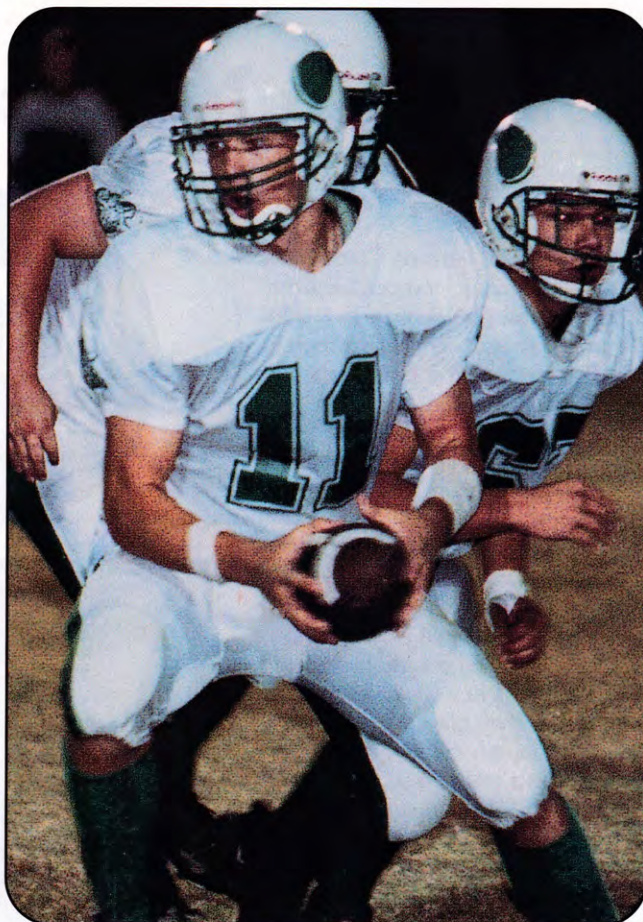
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1996 .. Justin Taplin, Tempe, WR
1995 .. Mike Brown, Saguaro, RB/DB
1994 .. Tavon Cooper, Peoria, RB/KR
1993 .. Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, RB/DB
1992 .. Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, RB
1991 .. Sam Salts, St. Mary's, WB/DB/K
1990 .. Grady Benton, Mesa, QB
1989 .. Brian Drew, McClintock, RB/RS
1988 .. Mike Salmon, Greenway, WB/DB/K
1987 .. Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, RB
1986 .. Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, QB/DB
1985 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, RB/DB
1984 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, QB
1983 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, RB/DB
1982 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB
1981 .. Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978 .. Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
1976 .. Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 .. Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
1974 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)
1973 .. Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
1972 .. Keith Sobraski, Coronado, DT



Sunnyslope quarterback Mike Nixon passed for 8,091 yards and 74 touchdowns (Steve Paynter photo).

1971 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB
1969 .. Danny White, Westwood, QB
1968 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, QB
1967 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB
1966 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
1965 .. Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
1964 .. Richard Griffin, Westwood, T
1963 .. Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB
1962 .. Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia, RB
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Pima a Menace in JC Circuit

By Jeff Krider

The always tough Arizona Community College football league, competitive from top to bottom, just got tougher. In a stunning debut last August, first-year program **Pima** of Tucson, under former high school coach Jeff Scurran, stunned defending NJCAA camp **Glendale** 29-20 in the Storm's first-ever game, played before 5,000-plus fans at Tucson Santa Rita High.

It was a hot, disappointing night for the visiting Gauchos. The rest of the league better get used to it. Pima is here to stay. Scurran, who built local Sabino High into a statewide powerhouse, was named the school's first football coach one year before they played a game. From the first day on the job, Scurran and his staff went after Tucson's local high school crop, "Players who might be on the bubble," he said.

"Before now a lot of kids who didn't get a college scholarship might get one if they stick with it for two more years," added Scurran, who played in five state championship games at Sabino, winning three. "That's what's great about having a JC football program in Tucson. Having a team here will help keep some of the kids careers alive."

Overall, seven different Arizona junior colleges play football. In Maricopa County, the surprise rep in the Valley of the Sun Bowl was **Scottsdale**, which lost during the season 36-14 to Eastern Arizona, which lost more than its share of games, as usual. Yes, the league is very competitive. Scottsdale started strong, including a dramatic 16-15 win over Snow College of Utah in September. One week later the Artichokes took advantage of 10 New Mexico Military turnovers for a 35-28 win in Roswell. Before the month was over, SCC became a front-runner for a post-season bowl with a 28-24 win over Mesa.

How bizarre is overall play in the Western States Football League? Ask SCC head coach Ken Giovando, who was hardly a happy camper as his team prepared for Garden City (KS) in postseason play. The Artichokes finished regular season play on a soar note, a 47-7 bombing at **Ricks College** in Idaho.

"I should be jumping up and down because we're going to a bowl game,"

Junior College Preview



Scurran, who built Tucson Sabino into a state power, guides the Storm into their second season.

Giovando told the media after the Ricks game. "But I'm not."

Later in the month it got a little better. But not much. Quarterback Jack Tomco led a 31-point second half with three touchdown passes, but the Broncobusters (9-2) recovered Scottsdale's last kickoff and ran out the clock. The Artichokes (6-5) trailed 23-0 in the third period before scoring their first points.

Look for **Glendale** to bounce back from a .500 season to make a run for the league crown. At least that's the bio for Joe Kersting's forces in past years. The Gauchos (5-5) return half their roster, with team speed vastly improved through recruiting. Although the offensive line is young, it will be big and strong, averaging over 250-pounds per man. Freshman Paul Kitchen (6-3, 310) anchors the front.

Quarterback Jeremy Copeland is surrounded with speed, including backs Cory

Woods, Geoff Ducksworth and Trent Ryberg, a 6-2, 240-pound fullback. All three are sophomores. Wideout Daniel White and tight end Justin Walker form a good receiving corps. Defensively, Kersting is set, especially on the flanks, with defensive ends Gerald Johnson (6-4, 235) and J.C. Braker (6-6, 225), plus a secondary made up of the likes of Chris McKenzie, Carl Marshall and Eric Wright.

With seven starters back on defense, **Mesa** should be improved. The Thunderbirds (5-5) were one play away from a holiday bowl. Snow scored on a short pass to beat Mesa 43-39 in a wild October game at John Riggs Stadium. "That loss cost us a lot," says head coach David Rice, whose team gave up five touchdown passes that night. "I hope our defense is more competitive."

The T'birds' defense will be built around three all-conference picks and two key transfers from four-year schools. Linebacker Josh Ah You (6-0, 240), from American Samoa, cornerback Mike Roberts (6-1, 190), and kicker Dan Gutman (6-0, 175) are sophomores with post season honors. It was Roberts who saved the day with a 102-yard interception return on a two-point conversion pass in the third overtime of a 21-19 win over Glendale. Three weeks later he scored on a 95-yard pass interception during a 35-28 win over Pima. Newcomers C.J. Blomvall (6-5, 310) and Sam Peterson (6-10, 335) tip the scales heavy in their favor. Peterson, just a freshman, transferred from Minnesota.

A season which began with great promise - an opening day win over Snow College - went south in a hurry for **Phoenix College**. The Bears' opening day win on the road was their first in Ephraim, Utah, since 1984. But with Gary Cook's young offense averaging only 14 points per game, Phoenix was winless after that. Look for the Bears' running game to improve behind tackles Hayden Harper (6-5, 280) and Tony Lopez (6-4, 295). Big Mike Weathersbee (6-3, 245) is a good blocking tight end. The secondary is one of the fastest in the league with safety Todd Yarter (5-10, 185), and corners Tony Gray (5-10, 190) and James Thompson (5-11, 180).

"The most striking difference will be a great deal more team speed, on both sides of the ball," says Cook.

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Oct. 25at Bullhead City Mohave
Nov. 1Goodyear Millennium
Nov. 8Dysart
Nov. 15at Buckeye

ALHAMBRA LIONS

Sept. 13at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 20Chandler
Sept. 27at Mesa Dobson
Oct. 4at Phoenix North Canyon
Oct. 11at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Oct. 18Phoenix Central
Oct. 25at Yuma Cibola
Nov. 1Phoenix Carl Hayden
Nov. 8at Tolleson Westview
Nov. 15Phoenix Trevor Browne

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Sept. 6Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 13at Goodyear Millennium
Sept. 20Glendale
Sept. 27Dysart
Oct. 4at Page
Oct. 11Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 18at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 25Scottsdale Chaparral
Nov. 1at Scottsdale Coronado
Nov. 8Scottsdale Saguaro
Nov. 15at Tempe Union

APOLLO HAWKS

Sept. 13at Buckeye
Sept. 20Flagstaff Coconino
Sept. 27at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 4Phoenix Sunnyslope
Oct. 11at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 18Glendale Independence
Oct. 25Phoenix Greenway
Nov. 1at Cactus Shadows
Nov. 8at Lake Havasu
Nov. 15Phoenix Cortez

ARCADIA TITANS

Sept. 13at Phoenix Pinnacle
Sept. 20at Phoenix Cortez
Sept. 27Cactus Shadows

Oct. 4at Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 11Buckeye
Oct. 18Apache Junction
Oct. 25at Scottsdale Saguaro
Nov. 1Tempe Union
Nov. 8at Scottsdale Coronado
Nov. 15Scottsdale Chaparral

ARIZONA LUTHERAN COYOTES

Sept. 6at Orme School
Sept. 13at Yuma Catholic
Sept. 20Canyon State Academy
Sept. 27at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 4Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 11at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 19 (Sat.)NWCC
Oct. 26 (Sat.)at Valley Lutheran
Nov. 1Scottsdale Christian

BOURGADE GOLDEN EAGLES

Sept. 6at Chino Valley
Sept. 13Show Low
Sept. 20at Scottsdale Christian
Sept. 27NWCC
Oct. 4Phoenix Valley Lutheran
Oct. 11Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 18at Canyon State Academy
Oct. 25Phoenix Christian
Nov. 1at Chandler Valley Christian

BROPHY PREP BRONCOS

Sept. 13at Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 20Mesa
Sept. 27Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 4at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 11Peoria
Oct. 18at Paradise Valley
Oct. 25Scottsdale Horizon
Nov. 1Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Nov. 8at Phoenix North Canyon
Nov. 15at Phoenix St. Mary's

BUCKEYE HAWKS

Sept. 13Glendale Apollo
Sept. 20at Lake Havasu
Sept. 27at Phoenix Sunnyslope
Oct. 4Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 11at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 18at Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 25Dysart
Nov. 1Tolleson
Nov. 8at Goodyear Millennium
Nov. 15Agua Fria

CACTUS COBRAS

Sept. 13Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 20at Tempe McClintock
Sept. 27at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 4Tolleson
Oct. 11Flagstaff Sinagua
Oct. 18at Phoenix Pinnacle
Oct. 25at Bradshaw Mountain
Nov. 1Peoria Centennial
Nov. 8Prescott
Nov. 15at Peoria Sunrise Mountain

CACTUS SHADOWS FALCONS

Sept. 13at Tucson Catalina
Sept. 20Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 27at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 4at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 11Glendale
Oct. 18Lake Havasu
Oct. 25at Glendale Independence
Nov. 1Glendale Apollo
Nov. 8at Phoenix Cortez
Nov. 15Phoenix Greenway

CAMELBACK SPARTANS

Sept. 13at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 20Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 26 (TV)at Mesa
Oct. 4Kingman
Oct. 11at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 18Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 25at Yuma Union
Nov. 1at Phoenix South Mountain
Nov. 8Phoenix North
Nov. 15Phoenix Cesar Chavez

CARL HAYDEN FALCONS

Sept. 13Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 20Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 27at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 4Mesa Dobson
Oct. 11at Phoenix North
Oct. 18at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 25Phoenix Central
Nov. 1at Phoenix Alhambra
Nov. 8at Yuma Cibola
Nov. 15Tolleson Westview

CENTENNIAL COYOTES

Sept. 13Tempe McClintock
Sept. 20at Tucson Pueblo
Sept. 27at Agua Fria
Oct. 4Tucson Desert View

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The presence of Steve Smith (15), field general for Mesa Red Mountain, makes the defending state champs tough (Steve Paynter photo).

Oct. 11at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 18Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 25at Prescott
Nov. 1at Glendale Cactus
Nov. 8Phoenix Pinnacle
Nov. 15Bradshaw Mountain

CENTRAL BOBCATS

Sept. 13at Phoenix North Canyon
Sept. 20 Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 27 Glendale Deer Valley
Oct. 4 Phoenix North
Oct. 11at Phoenix South Mountain
Oct. 18at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 25at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Nov. 1 Tolleson Westview
Nov. 8 Phoenix Trevor Browne
Nov. 15at Yuma Cibola

CESAR CHAVEZ PEGASUS

Sept. 13Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 20at Tolleson Westview
Sept. 27at Mesa Skyline
Oct. 4at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 11Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 18Phoenix North
Oct. 25at Phoenix Maryvale
Nov. 1at Yuma
Nov. 8Phoenix South Mountain
Nov. 15at Phoenix Camelback

CHANDLER WOLVES

Sept. 13 Phoenix North
Sept. 20at Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 27 Phoenix South Mountain

Oct. 4 Casa Grande
Oct. 11at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 18 Yuma Kofa
Oct. 25at Gilbert Highland
Nov. 1 Gilbert Mesquite
Nov. 8at Gilbert
Nov. 15at Chandler Hamilton

CHAPARRAL FIREBIRDS

Sept. 13Sunnyslope
Sept. 20at Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 27at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 4Phoenix Pinnacle
Oct. 11Peoria Centennial
Oct. 18at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 25at Apache Junction
Nov. 1Scottsdale Saguaro
Nov. 8 Tempe Union
Nov. 15at Scottsdale Arcadia

CORONA DEL SOL AZTECS

Sept. 5 (Thur)Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 13at Glendale Deer Valley
Sept. 20at Phoenix Central
Sept. 27Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 4at Peoria
Oct. 11Phoenix North Canyon
Oct. 25at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Nov. 1Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Nov. 8 Tempe Mountain Pointe
Nov. 15at Tempe Desert Vista

CORONADO DONS

Sept. 13Flagstaff
Sept. 20at Cactus Shadows

Sept. 27at Glendale Independence
Oct. 3 (TV)Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 11at Prescott
Oct. 18Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 25at Tempe Union
Nov. 1Apache Junction
Nov. 8Scottsdale Arcadia
Nov. 15at Scottsdale Saguaro

CORTEZ COLTS

Sept. 13at Dysart
Sept. 20 Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 27at Cottonwood Mingus Union
Oct. 4 Glendale
Oct. 11 Phoenix Washington
Oct. 18at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 25at Lake Havasu
Nov. 1 Glendale Independence
Nov. 8 Cactus Shadows
Nov. 15 at Glendale Apollo

DEER VALLEY SKYHAWKS

Sept. 13Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 20at Casa Grande
Sept. 27at Phoenix Central
Oct. 4at Yuma Union
Oct. 11Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 18at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 25Glendale Ironwood
Nov. 1Kingman
Nov. 8Peoria
Nov. 15at Phoenix Goldwater

DESERT MOUNTAIN WOLVES

Sept. 5 (Thur)Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 13at Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 20Mesa Dobson
Sept. 27at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 4vs Tolleson Westview
Oct. 11at Kingman
Oct. 18Tempe Mountain Pointe
Nov. 1at Tempe Corona del Sol
Nov. 8 Tempe Desert Vista
Nov. 15at Tempe Marcos de Niza

DESERT VISTA THUNDER

Sept. 5 (Thur)Tucson Sabino
Sept. 13at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 20at Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 27Gilbert
Oct. 4Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 11at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 18 Tempe Marcus de Niza
Oct. 25at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Nov. 8at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Nov. 15 Tempe Corona del Sol

DOBSON MUSTANGS

Sept. 13Sierra Vista Buena
Sept. 20at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 27Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 4at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 11at Paradise Valley
Oct. 18Mesa
Oct. 25at Mesa Red Mountain



TWO VALLEY LOCATIONS:

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Nov. 1 Mesa Skyline
 Nov. 8 Mesa Mountain View
 Nov. 15 at Mesa Westwood

DYSART DEMONS

Sept. 13 Phoenix Cortez
 Sept. 20 Glendale Independence
 Sept. 27 at Apache Junction
 Oct. 4 at Chinle
 Oct. 11 Bradshaw Mountain
 Oct. 18 Goodyear Millennium
 Oct. 25 at Buckeye
 Nov. 1 Bullhead City Mohave
 Nov. 8 at Agua Fria
 Nov. 15 at Tolleson

FOUNTAIN HILLS FALCONS

Sept. 6 Chandler Valley Christian
 Sept. 13 at Eloy Santa Cruz
 Sept. 20 Parker
 Sept. 27 at Higley
 Oct. 4 Wickenburg
 Oct. 11 River Valley
 Oct. 18 at Camp Verde
 Oct. 25 Chino Valley
 Nov. 1 at Sedona Red Rock

GILBERT TIGERS

Sept. 13 at Tucson Amphitheater
 Sept. 20 Scottsdale Horizon
 Sept. 27 at Tempe Desert Vista
 Oct. 4 at Mesa Red Mountain
 Oct. 11 Mesa Mountain View
 Oct. 18 Chandler Hamilton
 Oct. 25 at Gilbert Mesquite
 Nov. 1 Yuma Kofa
 Nov. 8 Chandler
 Nov. 15 at Gilbert Highland

GLENDAL CARDINALS

Sept. 6 at Tucson Ironwood Ridge
 Sept. 13 Bradshaw Mountain
 Sept. 20 at Apache Junction
 Sept. 27 Page
 Oct. 4 at Phoenix Cortez
 Oct. 11 at Cactus Shadows
 Oct. 18 Phoenix Moon Valley
 Oct. 25 at Phoenix Washington
 Nov. 1 Tempe McClintock
 Nov. 8 at Phoenix Sunnyslope
 Nov. 15 Phoenix Thunderbird

GOLDWATER BULLDOGS

Sept. 13 at Tucson
 Sept. 20 at Phoenix Camelback
 Sept. 27 Phoenix Carl Hayden
 Oct. 4 Mesa Skyline
 Oct. 11 at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
 Oct. 18 Glendale Ironwood
 Oct. 25 at Peoria
 Nov. 1 Glendale Mountain Ridge
 Nov. 8 at Kingman
 Nov. 15 Glendale Deer Valley

GREENWAY DEMONS

Sept. 13 at Tempe Union
 Sept. 20 Scottsdale Chaparral
 Sept. 27 Glendale Cactus
 Oct. 4 at Agua Fria
 Oct. 11 Peoria Sunrise Mountain
 Oct. 18 Phoenix Cortez
 Oct. 25 at Glendale Apollo
 Nov. 1 Lake Havasu
 Nov. 8 at Glendale Independence
 Nov. 15 at Cactus Shadows

HAMILTON HUSKIES

Sept. 12 (TV) Mesa Westwood
 Sept. 20 Tempe Mountain Pointe
 Sept. 27 at Phoenix Maryvale
 Oct. 4 Mesa
 Oct. 10 (TV) at Scottsdale Horizon
 Oct. 18 at Gilbert
 Oct. 25 at Yuma Kofa
 Nov. 1 Gilbert Highland
 Nov. 8 at Gilbert Mesquite
 Nov. 15 Chandler

HIGHLAND HAWKS

Sept. 19 at Mesa
 Sept. 20 Peoria
 Sept. 27 Scottsdale Horizon
 Oct. 4 at Mesa Mountain View
 Oct. 11 Tempe Desert Vista
 Oct. 17 (TV) at Gilbert Mesquite
 Oct. 25 Chandler
 Nov. 1 at Chandler Hamilton
 Nov. 8 at Yuma Kofa
 Nov. 15 Gilbert

HIGLEY KNIGHTS

Sept. 6 Yuma Catholic
 Sept. 13 NWCC
 Sept. 20 at River Valley
 Sept. 27 Fountain Hills
 Oct. 4 Chino Valley
 Oct. 11 at Sedona Red Rock
 Oct. 18 Parker
 Oct. 25 Camp Verde
 Nov. 1 at Wickenburg

HORIZON HUSKIES

Sept. 13 Scottsdale Desert Mountain
 Sept. 20 at Gilbert
 Sept. 27 at Gilbert Highland
 Oct. 4 Phoenix Trevor Browne
 Oct. 10 (TV) Chandler Hamilton
 Oct. 18 at Phoenix North Canyon
 Oct. 25 at Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Nov. 1 Phoenix St. Mary's
 Nov. 8 at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
 Nov. 15 Paradise Valley

INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS

Sept. 13 at Tucson Santa Rita
 Sept. 20 at Dysart
 Sept. 27 Scottsdale Coronado
 Oct. 4 Flagstaff Coconino
 Oct. 11 at Goodyear Millennium

Oct. 18 at Glendale Apollo
 Oct. 25 Cactus Shadows
 Nov. 1 at Phoenix Cortez
 Nov. 8 Phoenix Greenway
 Nov. 15 Lake Havasu

IRONWOOD EAGLES

Sept. 13 at Tempe Marcos de Niza
 Sept. 20 at Tucson Canyon del Oro
 Sept. 27 Phoenix North Canyon
 Oct. 4 Paradise Valley
 Oct. 11 Chandler
 Oct. 18 at Phoenix Goldwater
 Oct. 25 at Glendale Deer Valley
 Nov. 1 Peoria
 Nov. 8 at Glendale Mountain Ridge
 Nov. 15 Kingman

MARCOS DE NIZA PADRES

Sept. 5 (Thur) at Marana Mountain View
 Sept. 13 Glendale Ironwood
 Sept. 20 at Mesa Westwood
 Sept. 27 Phoenix Shadow Mountain
 Oct. 4 at Gilbert Mesquite
 Oct. 11 Phoenix Camelback
 Oct. 18 at Tempe Desert Vista
 Oct. 25 Tempe Corona del Sol
 Nov. 1 at Tempe Mountain Pointe
 Nov. 15 Scottsdale Desert Mountain

MARYVALE PANTHERS

Sept. 13 at Gilbert Mesquite
 Sept. 20 at Mesa Skyline
 Sept. 27 Chandler Hamilton
 Oct. 4 Tempe Mountain Pointe
 Oct. 11 Phoenix Trevor Browne
 Oct. 18 at Phoenix Camelback
 Oct. 25 Phoenix Cesar Chavez
 Nov. 1 at Phoenix North
 Nov. 8 Yuma Union
 Nov. 14 (TV) at South Mountain

McCLINTOCK CHARGERS

Sept. 13 at Peoria Centennial
 Sept. 20 Glendale Cactus
 Sept. 27 Scottsdale Chaparral
 Oct. 4 at Tempe Union
 Oct. 11 at Lake Havasu
 Oct. 18 Phoenix Washington
 Oct. 25 Phoenix Thunderbird
 Nov. 1 at Glendale
 Nov. 8 at Phoenix Moon Valley
 Nov. 15 Phoenix Sunnyslope

MESA JACKRABBITS

Sept. 6 Yuma Cibola
 Sept. 13 Gilbert Highland
 Sept. 20 at Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Sept. 26 (TV) Phoenix Camelback
 Oct. 4 at Chandler Hamilton
 Oct. 11 Glendale Mountain Ridge
 Oct. 18 at Mesa Dobson
 Oct. 25 Mesa Skyline
 Nov. 1 at Mesa Mountain View
 Nov. 8 Mesa Westwood



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MESQUITE WILDCATS

Sept. 13Phoenix Maryvale
 Sept. 20at Phoenix St. Mary's
 Sept. 27at Phoenix North
 Oct. 4Tempe Marcos de Niza
 Oct. 11at Mesa Skyline
 Oct. 17 (TV)Gilbert Highland
 Oct. 25Gilbert
 Nov. 1at Chandler
 Nov. 8Chandler Hamilton
 Nov. 15at Yuma Kofa

MILLENNIUM TIGERS

Sept. 13Apache Junction
 Sept. 20at Phoenix Pinnacle
 Sept. 27Flagstaff Sinagua
 Oct. 3 (TV)at Scottsdale Coronado
 Oct. 11Glendale Independence
 Oct. 18at Dysart
 Oct. 25Tolleson
 Nov. 1at Agua Fria
 Nov. 8Buckeye
 Nov. 15at Bullhead City Mohave

MOON VALLEY ROCKETS

Sept. 13Tucson Palo Verde
 Sept. 20Tolleson
 Sept. 27at Flagstaff Coconino
 Oct. 4at Peoria Sunrise Mountain
 Oct. 11Scottsdale Saguro
 Oct. 18at Glendale
 Oct. 25Phoenix Sunnyslope
 Nov. 1at Phoenix Thunderbird
 Nov. 8Tempe McClintock
 Nov. 15at Phoenix Washington

MOUNTAIN POINTE PRIDE

Sept. 6at Tucson Amphitheater
 Sept. 13Mesa Red Mountain
 Sept. 20at Chandler Hamilton
 Sept. 27Glendale Mountain Ridge
 Oct. 4at Phoenix Maryvale
 Oct. 11Phoenix Alhambra
 Oct. 18at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
 Oct. 25Tempe Desert Vista
 Nov. 1Tempe Marcos de Niza
 Nov. 8at Tempe Corona del Sol

MOUNTAIN RIDGE MTN. LIONS

Sept. 13at Tucson Sahuaro
 Sept. 20Phoenix South Mountain
 Sept. 27at Tempe Mountain Pointe
 Oct. 4Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Oct. 11at Mesa
 Oct. 18Glendale Deer Valley
 Oct. 25Kingman
 Nov. 1at Phoenix Goldwater
 Nov. 8Glendale Ironwood
 Nov. 15at Peoria

MOUNTAIN VIEW TOROS

Sept. 13at Phoenix South Mountain
 Sept. 20Kingman

Sept. 27at Tempe Corona del Sol
 Oct. 4Gilbert Highland
 Oct. 11at Gilbert
 Oct. 18Mesa Red Mountain
 Oct. 25at Mesa Westwood
 Nov. 1Mesa
 Nov. 8at Mesa Dobson
 Nov. 15Mesa Skyline

NORTH PHOENIX MUSTANGS

Sept. 13at Chandler
 Sept. 20Phoenix North Canyon
 Sept. 27Gilbert Mesquite
 Oct. 4at Phoenix Central
 Oct. 11Phoenix Carl Hayden
 Oct. 18at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
 Oct. 25Phoenix South Mountain
 Nov. 1Phoenix Maryvale
 Nov. 8at Phoenix Camelback
 Nov. 15at Yuma Union

NORTH CANYON RATTLERS

Sept. 13Phoenix Central
 Sept. 20at Phoenix North
 Sept. 27at Glendale Ironwood
 Oct. 4Phoenix Alhambra
 Oct. 11at Tempe Corona del Sol
 Oct. 18Scottsdale Horizon
 Oct. 24 (TV)Phoenix St. Mary's
 Nov. 1at Paradise Valley
 Nov. 8Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Nov. 15at Phoenix Shadow Mountain

NORTHWEST CC CRUSADERS

Sept. 6Show Low
 Sept. 13at Higley
 Sept. 19 (TV)Chandler Valley Christian
 Sept. 27at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
 Oct. 4at Scottsdale Christian
 Oct. 11Phoenix Valley Lutheran
 Oct. 18at Arizona Lutheran
 Oct. 25Canyon State Academy

PARADISE VALLEY TROJANS

Sept. 13at Peoria
 Sept. 20Phoenix Trevor Browne
 Sept. 27Tucson Sahuaro
 Oct. 4at Glendale Ironwood
 Oct. 11Mesa Dobson
 Oct. 18Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Oct. 25at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
 Nov. 1Phoenix North Canyon
 Nov. 8at Phoenix St. Mary's
 Nov. 15at Scottsdale Horizon

PEORIA PANTHERS

Sept. 13Paradise Valley
 Sept. 20at Gilbert Highland
 Sept. 27Mesa Red Mountain
 Oct. 4Tempe Corona del Sol
 Oct. 11at Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Oct. 18at Kingman
 Oct. 25Phoenix Goldwater
 Nov. 1at Glendale Ironwood
 Nov. 8at Glendale Deer Valley

Nov. 15Glendale Mountain Ridge

PHOENIX CHRISTIAN COUGARS

Sept. 7 (Sat)San Diego Horizon Christian
 Sept. 13at Snowflake
 Sept. 20Heber Mogollon
 Sept. 27Arizona Lutheran
 Oct. 4at Canyon State Academy
 Oct. 11Scottsdale Christian
 Oct. 18Chandler Valley Christian
 Oct. 25at Phoenix Bourgade
 Nov. 1at Northwest Comm. Christian

PINNACLE PIONEERS

Sept. 13Scottsdale Arcadia
 Sept. 20Goodyear Millennium
 Sept. 27at Phoenix Thunderbird
 Oct. 4at Scottsdale Chaparral
 Oct. 11Flagstaff Coconino
 Oct. 18Glendale Cactus
 Oct. 25Peoria Sunrise Mountain
 Nov. 1Bradshaw Mountain
 Nov. 8at Peoria Centennial
 Nov. 15at Prescott

QUEEN CREEK BULLDOGS

Aug. 30Coolidge
 Sept. 6at Safford
 Sept. 13Florence
 Sept. 20Globe
 Sept. 27at Sahuarita
 Oct. 4Rio Rico
 Oct. 11at Eloy Santa Cruz
 Oct. 18Willcox
 Oct. 25at Chandler Seton Catholic

RED MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN LIONS

Sept. 13at Tempe Mountain Pointe
 Sept. 20Tempe Desert Vista
 Sept. 27at Peoria
 Oct. 4Gilbert
 Oct. 11Tolleson Westview
 Oct. 18at Mesa Mountain View
 Oct. 25Mesa Dobson
 Oct. 31 (TV)at Mesa Westwood
 Nov. 8at Mesa Skyline
 Nov. 15Mesa

SAGUARO SABERCATS

Sept. 5 (TV)Tucson Sunnyside
 Sept. 13at Glendale Cactus
 Sept. 20Agua Fria
 Sept. 27Glendale Apollo
 Oct. 11at Phoenix Moon Valley
 Oct. 18at Tempe Union
 Oct. 25Scottsdale Arcadia
 Nov. 1at Scottsdale Chaparral
 Nov. 8at Apache Junction
 Nov. 15Scottsdale Coronado

SAINT MARY'S KNIGHTS

Sept. 13at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
 Sept. 20Gilbert Mesquite
 Sept. 27Yuma Kofa
 Oct. 4at Tempe Desert Vista



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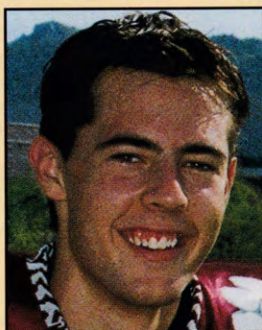
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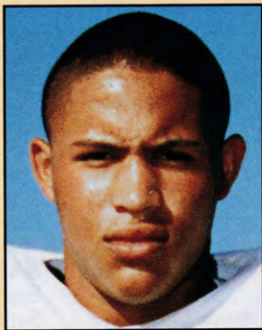
Scottsdale Quarterback Club

SALUTING OUR CITY PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

2001 ... Mike Falco, Horizon, RB
 2000 ... Chad Christensen, Desert Mountain, QB
 1999 ... Josh Griffin, Chaparral, RB/KR
 1998 ... Jeff Krohn, Horizon, QB
 1997 ... Jerry Schwartzberg, Chaparral, RB
 1996 ... Mike Mantle, Coronado, RB/DB
 1995 ... Mike Brown, Saguaro, RB/DB
 1994 ... John Clayton, Horizon, RB
 1993 ... Randy Hakes, Arcadia, TE/LB
 1992 ... Rod Bair, Coronado, FB
 1991 ... Paul Fichera, Coronado, RB
 1990 ... Justin Olson, Horizon, RB
 .. Paul Fichiera, Coronado, RB (jr)
 1989 ... Kevin McLemore, Coronado, RB/LB
 1988 ... Andy Davis, Saguaro, RB
 1987 ... Tony Werstler, Sagar, QB
 .. Neil Begalman, Saguaro, LB
 1986 ... John Boyer, Coronado, FB/LB
 1985 ... Charles Sanfilippo, Chaparral, RB
 1984 ... Steve Rosholt, Arcadia, RB
 1983 ... Dave Schilling, Coronado, RB
 1982 ... Lee Bishop, Chaparral, RB
 .. Tim McInnis, Coronado, TE
 1981 ... Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
 1980 ... Randy Hayes, Scottsdale, WR
 1979 ... Jeff Harper, Chaparral, RB
 1978 ... Kevin Smith, Saguaro, QB (jr)
 1977 ... Joey Lumpkin, Scottsdale, FB/LB
 1976 ... Greg Brady, Coronado, QB



Chad Christensen
Desert Mountain



Mike Brown
Saguaro



Horizon halfback Mike Falco slices his way through Brophy Prep (Ralph Fresno photo).

1975 ... Bob Pitre, Arcadia, QB
 1974 ... Rick McClelland, Saguaro, FB/LB
 1973 ... Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
 1972 ... Keith Sobraski, Coronado, OT/DT
 1971 ... Gil Gillenwater, Arcadia, RB
 1970 ... Jim Cedarstrom, Saguaro, DE
 1969 ... Wayne Mattingly, Saguaro, FB
 1968 ... Marty Stajduhar, Coronado, WR
 1967 ... Marty Shuford, Saguaro, RB/P

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Oct. 11at Mesa Westwood
 Oct. 18.....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
 Oct. 24 (TV).....at Phoenix North Canyon
 Nov. 1at Scottsdale Horizon
 Nov. 8Paradise Valley
 Nov. 15Phoenix Brophy Prep

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Aug. 30at Mayer
 Sept. 6Whiteriver Alchiesay
 Sept. 13at Gila Bend
 Sept. 20Phoenix Bourgade
 Sept. 27at Canyon State Academy
 Oct. 4NWCC
 Oct. 11at Phoenix Christian
 Oct. 18at Phoenix Valley Lutheran
 Oct. 25Chandler Valley Christian
 Nov. 1at Arizona Lutheran

SETON CATHOLIC SENTINELS

Sept. 6at Globe
 Sept. 13Sahuarita
 Sept. 20at Rio Rico
 Sept. 27Eloy Santa Cruz
 Oct. 4at Willcox
 Oct. 11Gilbert Desert Ridge
 Oct. 18Coolidge
 Oct. 25at Safford
 Nov. 1Queen Creek

SHADOW MOUNTAIN MATADORS

Sept. 13Phoenix Alhambra
 Sept. 20at Phoenix Carl Hayden
 Sept. 27at Tempe Marcos de Niza
 Oct. 4Phoenix South Mountain
 Oct. 11at Glendale Deer Valley
 Oct. 18at Phoenix St. Mary's
 Oct. 25Paradise Valley
 Nov. 1at Phoenix Brophy Prep
 Nov. 8Scottsdale Horizon
 Nov. 15Phoenix North Canyon

SKYLINE COYOTES

Sept. 6at Tucson Flowing Wells
 Sept. 13at Glendale Desert Ridge
 Sept. 20Phoenix Maryvale
 Sept. 27Phoenix Cesar Chavez
 Oct. 4at Phoenix Goldwater
 Oct. 11Gilbert Mesquite
 Oct. 18Mesa Westwood
 Oct. 25at Mesa
 Nov. 1at Mesa Dobson
 Nov. 8Mesa Red Mountain
 Nov. 15at Mesa Mountain View

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JAGUARS

Sept. 13Mesa Mountain View
 Sept. 20at Glendale Mountain Ridge
 Sept. 27at Chandler
 Oct. 4at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
 Oct. 11Phoenix Central
 Oct. 18Yuma Union
 Oct. 25at Phoenix North
 Nov. 1Phoenix Camelback
 Nov. 8at Phoenix Cesar Chavez

Nov. 14 (TV)Phoenix Maryvale

SUNNYSLOPE VIKINGS

Sept. 13at Scottsdale Chaparral
 Sept. 20Tucson Santa Rita
 Sept. 27Buckeye
 Oct. 4at Glendale Apollo
 Oct. 11Cottonwood Mingus Union
 Oct. 18at Phoenix Thunderbird
 Oct. 25at Phoenix Moon Valley
 Nov. 1Phoenix Washington
 Nov. 8Glendale
 Nov. 15at Tempe McClintock

SUNRISE MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS

Sept. 13at Tucson Sunnyside
 Sept. 20Cottonwood Mingus Union
 Sept. 27at Phoenix Washington
 Oct. 4Phoenix Moon Valley
 Oct. 11at Phoenix Greenway
 Oct. 18at Peoria Centennial
 Oct. 25Phoenix Pinnacle
 Nov. 1Prescott
 Nov. 8at Bradshaw Mountain
 Nov. 15Glendale Cactus

TEMPE UNION BUFFALOES

Sept. 6Phoenix Greenway
 Sept. 13at Phoenix Thunderbird
 Sept. 20at Flagstaff
 Sept. 27Tempe McClintock
 Oct. 4at Tolleson
 Oct. 11Scottsdale Saguaro
 Oct. 18Scottsdale Coronado
 Oct. 25at Scottsdale Arcadia
 Nov. 1at Scottsdale Chaparral
 Nov. 8Apache Junction

THUNDERBIRD CHIEFS

Sept. 13at Lake Havasu
 Sept. 20Tempe Union
 Sept. 27Phoenix Pinnacle
 Oct. 4at Buckeye
 Oct. 11Glendale Apollo
 Oct. 18Phoenix Sunnyslope
 Oct. 25at Tempe McClintock
 Nov. 1Phoenix Moon Valley
 Nov. 7 (TV)at Phoenix Washington
 Nov. 15at Glendale

TOLLESON WOLVERINES

Sept. 6at Nogales
 Sept. 13Cottonwood Mingus Union
 Sept. 20at Phoenix Moon Valley
 Sept. 27at Prescott
 Oct. 4at Glendale Cactus
 Oct. 11Tempe Union
 Oct. 18Agua Fria
 Oct. 25at Goodyear Millennium
 Nov. 1at Buckeye
 Nov. 18Bullhead City Mohave
 Nov. 15Dysart

TREVOR BROWNE BRUINS

Sept. 13Tempe Desert Vista

Sept. 20at Paradise Valley
 Sept. 27Mesa Westwood
 Oct. 4at Scottsdale Horizon
 Oct. 11at Phoenix Maryvale
 Oct. 18Phoenix Carl Hayden
 Oct. 25at Tolleson Westview
 Nov. 1Yuma Cibola
 Nov. 8at Phoenix Central
 Nov. 15at Phoenix Alhambra

VALLEY CHRISTIAN TROJANS

Sept. 6at Fountain Hills
 Sept. 13Chino Valley
 Sept. 19 (TV)at NWCC
 Sept. 27Valley Lutheran
 Oct. 4at Arizona Lutheran
 Oct. 11Canyon State Academy
 Oct. 18at Phoenix Christian
 Oct. 25at Scottsdale Christian
 Nov. 1Phoenix Bourgade Catholic

VALLEY LUTHERAN

Sept. 13at Mayer
 Sept. 20Phoenix Christian
 Sept. 27at Chandler Valley Christian
 Oct. 4Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
 Oct. 11at NWCC
 Oct. 18Scottsdale Christian
 Oct. 26Arizona Lutheran

WASHINGTON RAMS

Sept. 13at Agua Fria
 Sept. 20at Prescott
 Sept. 27Peoria Sunrise Mountain
 Oct. 4Flagstaff
 Oct. 11at Phoenix Cortez
 Oct. 18at Tempe McClintock
 Oct. 25Glendale
 Nov. 1at Phoenix Sunnyslope
 Nov. 7 (TV)Phoenix Thunderbird
 Nov. 15Phoenix Moon Valley

WESTVIEW KNIGHTS

Sept. 13Tucson Flowing Wells
 Sept. 20Phoenix Cesar Chavez
 Sept. 27at Kingman
 Oct. 4at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
 Oct. 11at Mesa Red Mountain
 Oct. 18Yuma Cibola
 Oct. 25Phoenix Trevor Browne
 Nov. 1at Phoenix Central
 Nov. 8Phoenix Alhambra
 Nov. 15at Phoenix Carl Hayden

WESTWOOD WARRIORS

Sept. 12 (TV)at Chandler Hamilton
 Sept. 20Tempe Marcos de Niza
 Sept. 27at Phoenix Trevor Browne
 Oct. 4at Tucson Sabino
 Oct. 11Phoenix St. Mary's
 Oct. 18at Mesa Skyline
 Oct. 25Mesa Mountain View
 Oct. 31 (TV)Mesa Red Mountain
 Nov. 8at Mesa
 Nov. 15Mesa Dobson


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2001JASON PRIDE
.....Prescott (WR/DB)
2000JABARI FELTON-SMITH
.....Orme School (RB/DB)
1999TONY GRAY
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (RB) jr.
1998LAYNE CAMPBELL
.....Prescott (LB)
1997MIKE RHORER
.....Mingus Union (RB/DB)
1996KEVIN LARSON
.....Prescott (RB)
1995DAVID MORAN
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB)
1994DAVID MORAN
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB) jr.
1993HEATH MELTON
.....Mingus Union (RB)
1992HAMILTON MEE
.....Mingus Union (DL)
1991JIM RICHARDSON
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB) jr.
1990JAKE BARNES
.....Mingus Union (OT)
1989JAKE BARNES
.....Mingus Union (OT) jr.
1988SAM AUSTRINO
.....Prescott (DL)
1987GUY GROVER
.....Prescott (RB/DB)
1986COREY SUTTLES
.....Prescott (C)
1985TIM WEST
.....Prescott (DB)
1984DAVID ANDERSON
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (RB)
1983BRIAN SCHAR
.....Prescott (QB)
1982MIKE REHMET
.....Orme School (C)
1981DAVID MCELVAIN
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB)



Super All-State defensive back Jason Pride was a second round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. (Prescott Courier photo)

1980CURT DEVEREAUX
.....Prescott (DL)
1979JOE PRUZINA
.....Prescott (DL)
1978ART MARTINEZ
.....Mingus Union (DB)
1977DAVID SORIANO
.....Mayer (LB)
1976JIM TATUM
.....Prescott (RB)
1975RON LOTT
.....Prescott (OL)
1974STEVE CORSON
.....Mingus Union (RB)
1973MARVIN DOTSON
.....Mingus Union (E)
1972BOBBY MANRIGUEZ
.....Prescott (WB/DB)
1971BOBBY MANRIGUEZ
.....Prescott (WB/DB) jr.
1970GEORGE KAGELE
.....Prescott (DL)
1969MAX CASTILLO
.....Mingus Union (G)
1968JOE FLAGNIK
.....Prescott (OC)
1967DENNIS KENDRICK
.....Prescott (DB)
1966RAYMOND ACOSTA
.....Ash Fork (C)
1965FRANK MURDOCK
.....Camp Verde (RB)
1964JOHN PARKER
.....Mingus Union (G)
1963CLIFFORD BIRD
.....Camp Verde (QB)
.....WAYNE HODGES
.....Camp Verde (WR)
1962JOE RUDY
.....Camp Verde (RB)
1961KENNETH FAIT
.....Orme School (RB)

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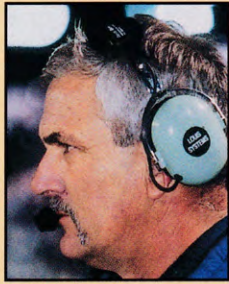
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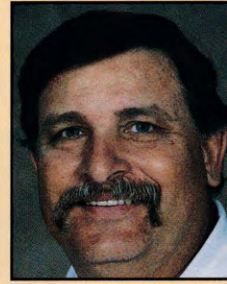
**Jim Ewan
Chandler**



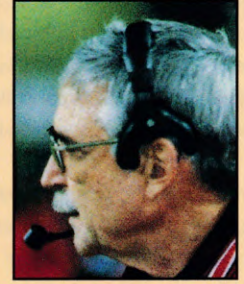
**Tim McBurney
Basha**



**Jesse Parker
Gilbert**



**Gerry LaBelle
Cactus Shadows**



**Ron Estabrook
Chaparral**

Winning Pct./Coach/School/Record

.833 .. Keith Brown, Horizon (95-19-0)
 .818 .. Daryl Phillips, Camelback (9-2-0)
 .804 .. John Wrenn, Hamilton (172-42-0)
 .800 .. Ron Estabrook, Chaparral (118-24-0)
 .792 .. Jim Rattay, Phoenix Christian (202-53-4)
 .774 .. Doug Clapp, Peoria (147-43-6)
 .762 .. Larry Fetkenhier, Cactus (163-51-4)
 .759 .. Sean Loomer, Valley Christian (22-7-0)
 .733 .. Tom McGoldrick, Wickenburg (33-12-0)
 .716 .. Jesse Parker, Gilbert (265-105-4)
 .714 .. Charles Bell, Northwest Christian (65-26-0)
 .711 .. Karl Kiefer, Mountain Pointe (288-117-3)
 .700 .. Bill McKane, Mesa (70-30-0)
 .670 .. Tom Bruney, Maryvale (59-29-0)
 .636 .. Kelly Epley, Agua Fria (7-4-0)
 .632 .. Tom Joseph, Mountain View (67-39-0)
 .629 .. Tim Sanford, Brophy Prep (124-73-2)
 .619 .. P.J. Pasquel, Coronado (12-9-0)
 .614 .. Tim McBurney, Chandler Basha (81-51-2)
 .612 .. Pat Lavin, Bourgade Catholic (145-92-3)

Winning Pct./Coach/School/Record

.607 .. Jim Ewan, Chandler (51-33-0)
 .602 .. Steve Chisman, Washington (97-64-4)
 .600 .. Tom DeMassa, Dobson (6-4-0)
 .591 .. Dick Baniszewski, McClintock (13-9-0)
 .586 .. Gerry LaBelle, Cactus Shadows (99-70-3)
 .585 .. Gary Mauldin, Thunderbird (113-80-1)
 .565 .. Roger Suchomel, Westwood (13-10-0)
 .564 .. Jimmy Jones, Red Mountain (84-65-3)
 .562 .. Mike Brown, Greenway (91-71-3)
 .558 .. Dallas Hickman, Sunnyslope (43-34-1)
 .555 .. Chuck Esquivel, Ironwood (35-28-1)
 .555 .. Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran (30-24-1)
 .548 .. Steve Belles, Mountain Ridge (34-28-0)
 .532 .. George Martinez, Westview (33-29-1)
 .520 .. Pete Jonovich, Skyline (53-49-0)
 .512 .. Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol (129-123-2)
 .506 .. Jim Fairfield, Fountain Hills (44-43-0)
 .500 .. Don Yantis, Paradise Valley (10-10-0)
 .500 .. Pete Wahlheim, Seton Catholic (5-5-0)
 .500 .. Ed Barnes, Apollo (5-5-0)

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SPORTS QUIZ

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL ...

1) This former Phoenix schoolboy alum (#64 in photo at right), a three-sport star in high school, was one of several Arizona products who have played in recent Super Bowls. Who is he and what high school did he attend?

2) Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer has won more football games (288) than any high school, college or pro coach in Arizona. What Arizona high school coach has won 101 of his last 103 games?

- a) Vern Friedli, Tucson Amphi
- b) John Bryant, St. David
- c) Paul Moro, Blue Ridge
- d) Ron Estabrook, Chaparral
- e) Jesse Parker, Gilbert

3) Last year the Oakland Raiders and what other NFL franchise had four former Arizona high school products on its roster?

- a) Arizona Cardinals
- b) Seattle Seahawks
- c) Denver Broncos
- d) St. Louis Rams
- e) Dallas Cowboys

4) During the war-torn '40s, this Thanksgiving Day rivalry drew all-time record crowds for regular season games:

- a) Phoenix Union vs North



This former Phoenix high school star (#64) got a taste of the Super Bowl last year. Who is he and what high school did he attend?

- b) Globe vs Miami
- c) Bisbee vs Douglas
- d) Jerome vs Clarkdale
- e) Tucson vs Tucson Amphitheater

5) In 1960, this Arizona coach was

selected National High School Coach of the Year, the first such honor by an Arizona football coach in the modern era:

- a) John Mallamo, Tucson
- b) Bob Hendricks, Arcadia
- c) Al Van Hazel, Casa Grande
- d) Edgar "Mutt" Ford, Mesa
- e) Micky Ryan, Agua Fria

6) True or false: In the past decade, the Arizona high school ranks have sent more players into the National Football League than Arizona State University.

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ANSWERS:

- 1) Frank Garcia, Maryvale
- 2) Paul Moro, Blue Ridge
- 3) St. Louis Rams
- 4) Phoenix Union vs North
- 5) Edgar "Mutt" Ford, Mesa
- 6) True

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2001MIKE NIXON
.....Sunnyslope (QB/DB)
2000MIKE BELL
.....Tolleson (RB)
1999TERRELL SUGGS
.....Chandler Hamilton (RB)
1998BOBBY WADE
.....Desert Vista (RB/DB)
1997NATHAN WIZE
.....Tucson Sabino (RB)
1996JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....Tempe (WR/KR)
1995MIKE BROWN
.....Saguaro (RB/DB)
1994TAVON COOPER
.....Peoria (RB/RS)
1993KEVIN SCHMIDTKE
.....Marana Mtn. View (RB)
1992MIKE MITCHELL
.....Brophy Prep (RB)
1991CHRIS HOPKINS
.....Tucson Salpointe (RB)
1990MARIO BATES
.....Tucson Amphi (RB)
1989BRIAN DREW
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1988ERIC DRAGE
.....Tucson Santa Rita (WR)
1987KEVIN GALBREATH
.....Phoenix Maryvale (RB)
1986BOBBY VALDEZ
.....Tucson Sunnyside (QB)
1985CLEVELAND COLTER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1984STEVE BELLES
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (QB)
1983ANTHONY PARKER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1982RODNEY PEETE (jr)
.....Tucson Sahuaro (QB)
1981STAN GILL
.....Flagstaff (RB)
1980FRED SIMS
.....Tucson Sunnyside (RB)
1979MOSSY CADE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (DB)



**Sunnyslope quarterback Mike Nixon and
the Vic Housholder Trophy.
(Todd Lillard photo)**

1978MIKE CADE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)
1977(TIE) ALVIN MOORE
.....Coolidge (TB)
.....RIKI GRAY
.....Tucson Amphi (LB)
1976GREG BRADY
.....Coronado (QB)
1975BRIAN FELIX
.....Phoenix Union (RB)
1974DAVID MITCHELL (jr)
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)
TIEJIMMY MOORE
.....Marcos de Niza (TE/DE)
1973ROB WILSON
.....Coronado (QB/DB)
1972JESSE PARKER
.....Tucson Rincon (RB)
1971FRED MORTENSEN
.....Tempe (QB)
1970BILL CROWE
.....Tempe McClintock (LB)
1969BENNY MALONE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)
1968JOE PETROSHUS
.....Tucson (HB)
1967TIM SMITH
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)
1966(TIE) BOB SOZA
.....Mesa Westwood (TB)
.....BILL DAWSON
.....Tucson (OT/DT)
1965ART MALONE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (TB)
1964LEROY PEOPLES
.....Marana (HB)
1963JAMES DUGAN
.....Flagstaff (HB/DB)
1962EVERETT ROLLINS
.....Scottsdale Arcadia (HB)
1961ANDY LIVINGSTON
.....Mesa (TB)
1960TED LAWRENCE
.....South Mountain (G)
1959BOB OLSON
.....South Mountain (FB)

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